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ANOTHER HUGE MINEFIELD

The Admiralty announces that another huge mine-field has been laid, running from the Orkneys 500 miles north to Iceland and thence 800 miles west to Greenland. These waters are now dangerous to shipping.

A clear passage has been left between Cape Wrath (north-west Scotland) and Rona and ships should go through this to Kirkwall, in the Orkneys.

British consuls in the Baltic countries will give instructions for a safe passage for ships from those countries, and ships from the Atlantic will be given instructions for a safe passage at Kirkwall.—Reuter.

Italians Perfecting The Machinery

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE THE HOME AUTHORITIES CATEGORICALLY DENY ALL RUMOURS OF ENEMY PARACHUTISTS HAVING LANDED IN BRITAIN, REPORTS ARE WIDELY CURRENT IN LONDON TO-DAY THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING SHIPS AND MEN IN MANY HARBOURS ALONG THE BELGIAN, DUTCH, DANISH AND NORWEGIAN COASTS.

It is added that a complicated embarkation system is being brought near to completion. All this leads to the belief that a German invasion may be launched at any moment with the aid of flat-bottomed boats, squadrons of large planes and a big contingent of men.

It is thought that these may try to land in the Hebrides and even Ireland before a large-scale invasion of England is attempted.

3,000 BEER BOTTLES--NARY A DROP TO DRINK

Some 3,000 beer bottles staring them in the face and not a drop to quench their thirst; this was the position a party of police officers attached to the Water Police found themselves in yesterday afternoon.

The party made the unusual find on the hillside at Ka Sha Kok, Lamma Island, in the course of routine duty, and much to their disappointment, it may be assumed, they found the bottles empty!

ITALIAN FIGHTERS ROUTED

It is now possible, cables Reuter's correspondent in Cairo, to give details of a remarkable air battle which took place near Sidi Barrani in Western Egypt last Thursday when nine Italian fighters were shot down by six Gloster Gladiators.

The Gladiators flew over the enemy landing-ground in two formations at different altitudes. Enemy fighters took off and five or six of them were in the air, the young flying officer leading the first formation, a Londoner, gave the signal to attack.

He shot down four of the enemy aircraft himself, three of them bursting into flames on striking the ground. The fourth crashed at terrific speed and was completely destroyed. With him was a Flight Sergeant, in another Gladiator, who accounted for two other enemy aircraft.

In the meantime, more enemy fighters had taken off and the second R.A.F. formation entered into the attack.

During the entire scrap, the Royal Air Force lost only one machine, the pilot of which successfully baled out on the Egyptian side of the frontier.—Reuter.

BRITISH OFFER TO DE VALERA

THE POSITION OF EIRE has for some time past caused anxiety among Members of Parliament in view of the probability of an invasion by Germany, writes Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The Government have not found it possible to reach any agreement with Mr. De Valera and discussions between the two Governments have resulted in a re-affirmation of neutrality by De Valera in all circumstances.

The British Government have been well aware of the dangers existing in the present position and have made great efforts to reach an understanding which would ensure adequate provision for co-operation between the two countries against any German attack.

Mr. De Valera's attitude has so far ruled out any such co-operation. He not only declared for neutrality but appealed for a United Ireland to defend Irish neutrality, which would mean Northern Ireland joining the South and abandoning belligerency for neutrality.

It is felt at Westminster that the unity of Ireland is impossible on a basis of neutrality.

Partition Issue

If Mr. De Valera could see his way to agree to fight alongside this country, there is every reason to

believe that the difficult question of partition could be finally settled.

The Government are keeping a close watch on the whole position, as it is realised that an attack on Ireland is not a matter for her alone but affects very powerfully this country.

A successful attack on Ireland would mean that the Germans would have a fresh base from which to launch an onslaught on this country. If that arose, counter-measures would certainly have to be taken by the British forces.

In view of the attitude of the Eire Government, such measures could not be taken unless an actual invasion has taken place.

In the meanwhile, everything possible is being done to strengthen the military forces in Northern Ireland so that they can combat the enemy attack if and when it arises.—Reuter.

Military observers believe that the aim of the German High Command is to establish a chain of advance positions in order to aid in the launching of the final invasion.

The intensity of the German air raids over Britain yesterday tends to confirm this opinion on the impending offensive.

Some observers, however, are of the opinion that possibly there will be no immediate invasion of the British Isles.

German diplomacy, they say, may aim at creating a Europe economically dominated by Berlin, prepare for a second Continental Blockade of Britain and then perhaps make a peace offer on terms which would be tantamount to an ultimatum.—Havas.

ULTIMATUM DENIAL

WITH REFERENCE TO RUMOURS THAT SOVIET RUSSIA HAD SENT AN ULTIMATUM TO TURKEY DEMANDING CONTROL OF THE DARDANELLES, THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS TOLD REUTER: "I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SUCH REPORTS AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THEM. I AM CERTAIN I SHOULD HAVE HEARD OF SUCH SERIOUS NEWS IF IT WERE TRUE."—REUTER.

INDO-CHINA LINK RESTORED

(Special to "China Mail") Cable communications between Singapore and Indo-China were restored yesterday after an interruption of several days. A severe censorship is being exercised.—Havas.



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HECTIC AIR DUEL OVER THE CHANNEL

Massed German Bomber Attack On British Convoy

"WARNING" TO BRITISH TROOPS IN SHANGHAI

(Special to "China Mail")

"We give you some more time during which we hope you will withdraw your army from Shanghai. Should you again ignore this, we shall have no more patience. Once clashed, not only the situation is very serious, but also you will find annihilation yourself."

This is part of a quaintly worded pidgin-English warning sent to British soldiers in Shanghai yesterday by "the Shanghai Branch of the Chinese Corps for the Riddance of Britain," which a few days ago warned all British nationals to clear out of China if they valued their lives.

Yesterday's communication further stated: "This sacred Corps is organised by Chinese who are determined to maintain the peace and safety of Shanghai." — Havas.

H.K. AS TOLD IN COMMONS

Invited yesterday by Mr. Robert Morgan, the Conservative member for Stourbridge, for a statement on the political, financial and economic situation in Hong Kong, Mr. W. G. Hall, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said that while evacuation of women and children and other measures had caused some feeling of disturbance, the population of Hong Kong is in excellent health.

Trade statistics revenue figures, according to the latest information, are buoyant although there is at present some difficulty in finding cargo space for shipment of the Colony's exports.

The Government had also improved the position of its liquid reserves by the recent flotation of the balance of the loan authorised in 1934.

The cost of living still shows an upward trend due to circumstances beyond our control. — Reuter.

Ten Shot Down When Fighters Intervene

TEN NAZI PLANES are believed to have been shot down yesterday in a big air battle which occurred over the Channel.

About 30 German bombers, escorted by fighters were engaged. A.A. guns and fighters broke up the formations and sent the enemy scurrying. Their fighter escort remained to engage the Spitfires, whose pilots manoeuvred so as to encircle the Germans.

The battle followed an attack by the German aircraft against a convoy.

The attack which took place off the South Coast in view of cliff watchers and the air battle were in two distinct phases, says Reuter's correspondent, who personally watched the drama being enacted.

The first bombardment was delivered by a flight of fifteen German bombing planes which dived, in the face of an intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire from escort vessels and rained a shower of high explosive bombs on the convoy.

No hits appear to have been scored and the raiders were finally driven off by R.A.F. fighters.

Second Phase

The second phase of the attack on the convoy developed ten minutes later when a formation of 30 Nazi bombers were seen flying down the Channel at a height of about ten thousand feet.

They released several salvoes of bombs which dropped near the convoy.

Fighter planes then appeared from every part of the sky, the R.A.F. contingents fighting the German fighter escorts which were also subjected to anti-aircraft fire along several miles of the coast. After sharp exchanges of machine-gun fire, the Germans broke off the engagement and fled across the Channel after an unidentified plane had fallen in flames. — Reuter.

Ten Sent Down

Reuter's correspondent on the South Coast telephoned to London last night stating that at least ten planes were seen to crash into the sea in the afternoon's big air battle, in which, it is estimated, some 150 planes were engaged.

Three German bombers were shot down by Spitfires in less than three minutes, all falling in vertical dives into the water. Another German plane had its tail cut off, and a bomber and a fighter collided in mid-air.

One German fighter dived vertically into the sea after receiving a burst of fire into its tail, and several badly damaged raiders with smoke pouring from their tails turned back towards the French coast but seemed unlikely to get home. — Reuter.

Fighters Roar To Attack

As the bombers flew over they released several salvoes of bombs which fell wide of the mark. Anti-aircraft guns barked and fighters roared up to the attack. As the fighters drove off the bombers, the Nazi fighter escort, which had been hiding in the clouds above, dived, firing with machine-guns.

Other British fighters went up and circled behind the Germans driving them away after a sharp engagement. Planes appeared all over the sky and anti-aircraft guns for several miles around were in action. — Reuter.

Air Ministry Statement

An Air Ministry communique issued yesterday stated: In today's confused series of engagements it is difficult to assess enemy casualties accurately at

ANGER OF INVASION OF IRELAND

The danger of a German invasion of Ireland and the consequential hazards in the Western Seas involved, are clearly very much in the official mind now that all hope of reaching an accommodation with Mr. de Valera appears to have passed.

There is clearly an accentuated need for watching the seas about Ireland—a process which Eire's insistence upon the preservation of her neutrality makes the more pressing. — Reuter.

this stage, but it is known that 10 enemy aircraft have been shot down and the destruction of a number of others has been reported but not yet confirmed. — Reuter.

The German Version

The German High Command claims that in an air attack on a British convoy in the Straits of Dover yesterday afternoon, one cruiser and four merchant ships were sunk, one cruiser and three merchant ships left burning with heavy lists.

Ten planes protecting the convoy are claimed to have been shot down. Four German planes failed to return, concludes the communique. — Reuter.

Skipper's Story

The skipper, describing the raid, said he saw 21 German bombers fly high over the convoy. "Hundreds of bombs fell all round. It was just like a shower of hail. Some raiders were shot down in flames. I saw the tails fall off two as they fell into the sea, chopped off by the machine gun bullets of the British fighters." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN OFFER UNLIMITED

At a meeting of the Australian Cabinet held in Melbourne yesterday it was decided to accept an unlimited number of British children directly nominated by relatives or friends, in addition to the original offer of 5,000, for the duration of the war. — Reuter.

"DANES" ACT AGAINST THE JEWS

A Rome report states that according to the Bremen Radio, the Danish Government has decided to eliminate all Jews from the public services. — Reuter.

CHINA'S NOTE ON TIENTSIN

Britain's agreement with Tokyo on the Tientsin dispute was again discussed in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Wilfrid Roberts asked Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, whether any protest had been made against the agreement on behalf of the Chinese Government.

He asked particularly regarding Part One of the agreement which dealt with the question of Anglo-Japanese police co-operation and Part Three concerning the question of currency.

Mr. Butler replied that Lord Halifax had been informed by the Chinese Ambassador that the Chinese Government had addressed to the British Embassy in Chungking a Note setting forth their standpoint regarding the police and currency arrangements in the Tientsin Agreement.

The text of the Note had not yet been received in London. Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Butler said that the Chinese Ambassador indicated certain reservations by the Chinese Government in respect of the two parts of the Agreement referred to. "It would be remembered that in a previous statement he said that the Chinese Government's concurrence was sought and given to that part of the agreement relating to the silver reserves. — Reuter.

STICK TO IT AND GO TO IT

Complications in the European scene may develop which will draw the attention of our enemy from us, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in a broadcast from London last night.

Mr. Butler added that these were more likely to develop if our bearing was resolute and definite.

"Besides the difficulties in holding down subject peoples, the Germans would have to face old major rivalries between the Powers.

"Italy and Russia will each have their own views about the Balkans. Spain will have its own tradition of pride and independence. There will be varying views about the Dardanelles. There will be several voices in the Mediterranean. Loudest will be the bark of the big guns of our battle fleet.

Complications Enough

"There are complications enough for any which seeks to dominate the continent and then the world.

"We must hold on and let this cauldron simmer. No doubt the pot will soon be calling the kettle black.

"We shall save ourselves; we shall save what we believe in and we shall attract friends to our side by our own efforts and by the determination with which we face the dangers ahead.

"We cannot but face the challenge before us. We are the outpost of Europe, the last land to which exiles can flee. We are the outpost for our Empire; we are the outpost for the American continent and for the world.

"We must not, and cannot fail, all those who depend on us." — Reuter.

MILITARY SECTION OF HONOURS LIST ISSUED

The military section of the postponed Birthday Honours List was published in the "London Gazette" last night.

It is not proposed to announce the list of Civil Honours until some more appropriate time, which in no case will be before the New Year of 1941.

The following are the principal awards:—

Knight Grand Cross of the Bath:—

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Forbes, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet since 1938.

General Sir John Coleridge, A.D.C. to the King and G.O.C. in Chief, Northern Command, India, since 1936.

Knight Commander in the Bath:—

Vice-Admiral Charles Gordon Ramsey, Commanding Officer of Scotland since 1939.

Vice-Admiral Thomas Binney, Commandant Imperial Defence College since 1939.

Vice-Admiral George D'Oyly Lyon, Commander-in-Chief, Africa Station, since 1938.

Vice-Admiral Geoffrey Layton, Commanding First Battle Squadron and Second-in-Command, Mediterranean Fleet, since 1939.

and new C.I.C. China Station.

Lieutenant-General Haining, Vice-Chief of Imperial Staff.

Lieutenant-General Henry Maitland Wilson, Commanding British Troops in Egypt.

Air Marshal Arthur Barratt, commanding the Air Forces in India.

Air Marshal Charles Portal, Air Officer C.I.C. Bomber Command.

Air Marshal Pease, Vice-Chief of Air Staff.

Knight-Commander of the British Empire:—

Admiral Henry Cooke, retired, now serving as Commodore, Second Class, R.N.R.

Vice-Admiral Wilfrid Ford, Dockyard Superintendent H.M. Dockyard, Malta, since 1937.

Lieutenant-General Lindsay, who was Quartermaster-General with the B.E.F. in France.

Lieutenant-General L. R. Rowan, who was lately General Gort's chief General. — Reuter.

ITALIAN FLEET MADE NON-STOP RUN TO SAFETY

Mediterranean Action Described As 'Disappointing'

Pursued To Within Sight of Land

A BRITISH ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED LAST NIGHT STATED: "THE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS DESCRIBED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS 'A DISAPPOINTING ACTION.' THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH FLEET HAD NO OPPORTUNITY OF DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ENEMY IN A CLOSE RANGE ACTION."

"The Italian fleet was in fact pursued until our fleet were in sight of land but unfortunately could not be overtaken before they were able to reach the shelter of their shore batteries."

"One enemy cruiser was hit by a torpedo of the bombing aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm which was pressed home in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire in the hope of checking the withdrawal of the Italian force."

"An Italian communiqué issued to-day admits that one unit was hit—presumably a capital ship, hit by a 15-inch shell from our forces."

"As previously announced there were no casualties among the British ships engaged yesterday."

Submarine Sunk

"In another part of the Mediterranean, one of our submarines, the Parthian, under Lieut. Comdr. Rimington, has sunk an Italian U-boat. The Italian U-boat was sighted on the surface at close range. The Parthian fired torpedoes and hit the Italian U-boat, throwing quantities of debris into the air. Her bows rose up at an angle of 70 degrees and she went down stern first. —Reuter."

Italian Report

An official Italian report admits that an Italian destroyer was sunk and a submarine has failed to return as a result of the short-lived "engagement" in the Mediterranean yesterday, when an Italian fleet consisting of two battleships, four cruisers and several other craft fled behind a smoke-screen on sighting British warships.

The British Admiralty had not claimed to have sunk any Italian ships, although it reported one direct hit on a battleship. The Italians say that the damage caused to the battleship can be repaired in a day or so.

The sunken destroyer was the Zaffira, of 1,073 tons, of the same

class as the Espero, which the Royal Navy sank a few days ago. She carried a normal complement of 142 officers and men.—Reuter.

SABOTAGE PLOT IN U.S.

A message from Austin, Texas, reveals a plot to sabotage a battleship under construction in the Pennsylvania naval yard.

The plot is reported to have been discovered by Mr. Martin Dies, chairman of the committee of investigation of un-American activities. Mr. Dies has declined to give details of the discovery. —Reuter.

WASHINGTON REFUSES TO GET EXCITED

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, at a press conference in Washington yesterday, declined to show any excitement over developments in Shanghai following the Marines incident.

A study of further reports on the dispute, he said, only served to strengthen his belief that the incident should be settled locally.

BOMBS ON ENGLAND

The Ministry of Home Security states that bombs were dropped during the morning and early afternoon yesterday at a number of points on the south and south-west coasts and in South Wales.

The damage resulting from these raids was not great and the casualties not serious.—Reuter.

MALAYAN GIFT TO RED CROSS

It was announced in London yesterday that a further £15,000 had been made from the Malaya Patriotic Fund to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S WAR ECONOMY: LATEST RETURNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE TREND TOWARDS diminishing returns is to be seen even in the wartime economy of Japan, according to a report published in the semi-official "Japan Times and Mail" yesterday.

Out of a total of 140 leading business corporations in Japan, no fewer than 23 have reduced their dividends for the half-year business term ended May 31.

These dividend reductions were not effected in answer to Japanese military requests but resulted directly from lower productions and reduced earnings.

Most of the dividend reductions occurred in those corporations actively interested in the operation of iron works, machinery plants, and coal mines.

The earning of these concerns dropped as the result of higher production costs which, in turn, resulted from shortages of labour and equipment. Lower earnings led to declines in production.

In the meantime, Japanese textile companies and the chemical industries are paying unchanged or even increased dividends, but these enterprises will be compelled to cut profit distributions for the current term, according to the "Japan Times and Mail."

The textile and chemical industries are both suffering from difficulties about raw material supplies and marketing abroad.

Japanese cotton mills this month reduced their production by 28 per cent, while the rayon and staple fibre plants were working only to 40 per cent of production capacity.—Havas.

HUNGARY'S CLAIMS ON RUMANIA: MUNICH DISCUSSIONS

TWO HOURS AFTER THEY arrived in Munich yesterday, Count Teleki, Hungarian Premier, and Count Csaky, his Foreign Minister, were received by Hitler and Ribbentrop, says the Italian news agency.

Their talks are being held in the Fuehrer's house.

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, who has been on a tour of the battlefields in Flanders, has also arrived at Munich and been received by Hitler and Ribbentrop.

The German radio states that the talks are being held with the German leaders on the military and political condition of the war against England.

The visit of the Hungarian Ministers was officially described in Budapest as being in connection with Hungary's claims on Rumania (for Transylvania) and with the "new order to be created in the Balkans."

The Bulgarian press is particularly interested, and states that a solution of the "South Dobruja problem" (another part of Rumania) should be included in any such consideration of the Balkan atmosphere reflecting the traditional friendship between the three States.

After the meeting, Ciano had a half hour's conversation with Hitler and Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

Official Communiqué

A communiqué issued yesterday after the meeting between Hitler, Ribbentrop, Count Ciano, Teleki and Csaky stated:

"The Fuehrer to-day received in the presence of Ribbentrop and Ciano, who has been a guest of the German Government since Sunday, the Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Teleki, and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky."

"Conversations took place in an atmosphere reflecting the traditional friendship between the three States."

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POLISH SKIPPERS' COURAGE

Determined action by two Polish merchantship captains has saved their ships for future service in the war against Germany, it was revealed in London yesterday.

One of the ships, a 3,000-tonner, was in the harbour at Dakar when she was ordered by the French authorities not to sail. The Polish captain ignored the order and brought his ship out by dodging the beams of the searchlights and manoeuvring his way through the net defences.

The other, a vessel of 6,000 tons, was in the inner harbour of a French West African port.

She escaped at night under fire from shore batteries. Both ships are now in British ports, and their captains have been congratulated by the British naval authorities on their determination and fine seamanship.—Reuter.

SEVERE MEASURES THREATENED

German authorities in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia have taken severe measures against communist and other left wing elements within the past two months, it was reported in London yesterday.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent is informed in Czech quarters in London that these measures seem to have coincided with the beginning of the Soviet Union's expansionist policy in the Baltic and Balkans. These measures constitute a reversal of the previous Nazi policy.

After the Soviet-German pact was signed the Germans attempted for some time to conciliate left wing groups but since the Soviet Union began to thrust her influence into Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, the attempt seems to have been abandoned.

Two months ago the well-known Czech communist lawyer, Sekanina, who had been in prison ever since the fall of Prague, was shot by the Gestapo. Since then Czech circles have learned of other assassinations of left wing Czechs.—Reuter.

WESTERN DESERT QUIET

A Cairo communiqué states that there is nothing to report in the Western Desert, Somaliland and Kenya.

On the Sudan/Abyssinian frontier, an enemy force estimated at 300 colonial troops supported by artillery and aircraft occupied the frontier post at Kurmuk on Sunday last.

The small garrison of Sudanese police withdrew after inflicting 50 casualties on the enemy.—Reuter.

SCHOOLBOY ASSAULT ACCUSATION

Alleged to have been assaulted by a teacher and a fellow student, a 17-year-old pupil of the Yuek Chi School in Nathan Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

The lad was suffering injuries on the body. The police are investigating the allegation.

MARINA GOALPOSTS STOLEN

All the hockey goal posts and other wooden structures on the Marina Hockey Playground off Chatham Road disappeared during the night of Saturday and Sunday.

This report was made to the Police yesterday by Captain Wilkinson, of the Kowloon Rifles.



Day in and day out warships of the British Navy are doing great work conveying merchant shipping safely to their ports. "Ready for action," this picture shows a triple torpedo tube mounting, the three warheads poking out of the end of their tubes. (Copyright, Fox).

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EVACUEE SHIP FROM CANNES

CHILDREN TO LEAVE SOUTH COAST

The Ministry of Health announced in London yesterday that schoolchildren evacuated from London at the beginning of the war to Brighton, Hove, Port Slade, Southwick and Shoreham are being moved further inland on Sunday. They number 8,000.

The Government has decided to declare that Eastbourne, Hastings, Bexhill, Rye and the urban districts of Newhaven and Seaford be evacuation areas.

MORE HEROES OF DUNKIRK DECORATED

In recognition of military services in Belgium, Dunkirk and elsewhere in France during the recent campaign, decorations have been given to numerous members of the B.E.F. in a new War Office list.

The six recipients of the D.S.O. include Major P. H. Newman, F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C., whose skill as a surgeon was equalled only by his unremitting keenness. He cheerfully accepted a ballot whereby he was left at Dunkirk in charge of the wounded who could not be evacuated.

The 14 M.C.'s include one to Rev. J. E. G. Quinn, who acted as chaplain to a battalion throughout the operations in Belgium and France and was outstanding for the cool manner in which he tended the wounded without a thought to his own safety.

On several occasions owing to medical officers becoming casualties, he took charge of the regimental aid post.

Eleven D.C.M.'s and 23 M.M.'s were also awarded.—Reuter.

ARMS DRIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, yesterday announced an extension of the Commonwealth's munition industry at an outlay of several millions of pounds. Sites have been chosen.

In South Australia, factories will fill explosives; Victoria, cartridge cases and fuses will be made; Western Australia, shells and primers; Queensland, fuses and shells; Tasmania, primers and shells.

This will all be additional to the present output in Victoria and New South Wales.—Reuter.

BURMA WAR FUND

It was announced yesterday that the Rangoon Harbour Commissioners had donated £10,000 to the Burma war fund.—Reuter.

FOUR PERSONS GO OUT OF THEIR MINDS

FOUR PEOPLE WENT OUT of their minds with the horrors and strain of the 20-day journey of two cargo ships carrying 1,300 British men and women to safety from southern France to England, states Mr. Somerset Maugham, the famous author (who was one of their number) yesterday.

They were all told to be on the quay at Cannes on the morning of June 17, he says, and were instructed to bring only one suitcase, a blanket and three days' provisions. They were of all classes, some so ill they came on stretchers; others had lived there all their lives.

They were put on board two very kind, and so were all the colliers, still thick and grimy with coal-dust, and their "cabins" were below the hatches.

At Marseilles, they joined a French convoy.

Water could be drawn only at certain times, owing to the shortage, and there was little available for washing. Most of the men managed to shave somehow, and the women kept clean with the use of creams and lotions they had brought.

Food was scarce and they had to queue for their rations. The two main meals of the day consisted of bully-beef and biscuits.

One day, a submarine was reported and the escorting destroyer was busy all around them dropping depth charges.

Strain Too Much

As time went on, the strain on them all grew greater and greater, and four of them went out of their minds.

They proceeded to Oran and thence to Gibraltar, where they were allowed to go ashore in batches of 50 for two hours.

The Governor of Gibraltar was

ham said. They set sail again three days afterwards and at long last reached England, after a journey of 20 days during which hardly any of them had their clothes off.—Reuter.

ARREST OF GENERAL ANTONESCU

In connection with the arrest of General Antonescu, the Rumanian "Iron Guard" leader, a statement issued by the Rumanian Ministry of Propaganda states that he was arrested because of his unfriendly attitude towards the present regime.

Earlier reports had it that he was arrested because he had tried to re-constitute the "Iron Guards" against King Carol's orders.—Reuter.

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The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who will shortly take up residence at Government House, the Bahamas, where the Duke has been appointed Governor of the Colony. It is the first time in history that a member of the Royal Family has been Governor of a Crown Colony.

CRITICISM OF INTERNMENT POLICY

SOME CRITICISM of the Government's policy regarding the internment of refugees was raised in the Commons yesterday on the adjournment of the House.

Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, replying for the Government, said that on the outbreak of the war we interned every man and woman on the Security List except those who had gone back to Germany.

Our policy then was to submit and whether, if the Government every enemy alien to an individual examination.

The Home Office realises the risk we are running in leaving refugees and enemy aliens at large. If a serious act of espionage or sabotage was proved against any of them, we should be blown sky-high.

In a tribute to the behaviour of the refugees, Captain Peake said that apart from one or two petty instances there have been no serious acts hostile to the State.

Throughout the winter, the Government were able to resist the public clamour to intern the lot, but the over-running of Holland and Belgium—which was attributed largely in the public mind to Fifth Column activities—made a radical change in the situation.

When Holland and Belgium fell, the military authorities impressed on the Home Office that the enemy and several aliens should be removed from the East and South Coast. Large numbers of aliens consequently had to move into area where they were unknown and were received with suspicion and distrust; the only practical method of dealing with the problem was to intern the males.

State Of Alarm

A further reason for the change in policy was the fact that many refugees were in such a state of alarm on account of the suspicions shown towards them that they themselves asked for internment for their own safety.

The last and most urgent consideration was that the policy was strongly advocated by the military authorities.

Regarding the question of sending the refugees to the Dominions, Captain Peake said that he realised the natural anxiety, particularly in view of the Arandora Star disaster.

The Minister of Shipping had said yesterday that Germans abroad were Nazi sympathisers, not refugees.

Captain Peake announced that Canada had agreed to take 6,700 prisoners of war and internees and that all these had arrived in Canada.—Reuter.

Lords' Question

In the House of Lords, Lord Marchwood asked whether the Government would follow the action of the Government of the Straits Settlements, who have decided to intern all enemy aliens.

GROUND DEFENDERS FOR AIRPORTS

The Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair said yesterday that measures were being taken for ground defence of aerodromes against air attack as well as against attack on the ground by the landing of troops from the air.

A Director of Ground Defence had been appointed to co-ordinate defence action.—Reuter.

WHOLESALE COAL THEFT

The case in which Chan Chiu-chung, 30, private watchman, was charged with larceny of 20 tons of coal from Yew Hop Coal Yard, Hungnam, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

Sub-Inspector Madgwick, prosecuting, stated that the watchman hired a junk and 13 coolies on Saturday night to transfer the coal from the Yard.

The police raided the Yard and arrested all the coolies and the accused.

Over \$10,000 worth of coal had been recently stolen from the Yard.

STABBING OF WARDER

A prisoner, Li Chan-lam, alias Li So, alias Tse Chu-lam, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C. this morning, with wounding with intent to murder Prison Officer E. S. Franks, and with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

It was alleged defendant stabbed Mr. E. S. Franks in the Hong Kong Prison, Stanley, on June 28, with a dagger.

Defendant was formally remanded one week.

Detective Sub-Inspector Dar-kin is in charge of the case.

DISCHARGED: TO PAY COMPENSATION

George Percy Clarke, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was discharged, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning, in connection with a charge of obtaining a sum of \$25 from a woman Lam Wai-ching in Wanchai on February this year.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the complainant.

O.B.E. FOR COMMANDER PETRIE

It was announced in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary" issued this morning that His Majesty the King has conferred an O.B.E. on Commander James Petrie, D.S.C., of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.

SWEARS TO AVENGE HIS SHOT PAL

I WANT TO GET OUT of here and get into the air again. The Jerries killed my best pal, and I swore I would avenge his death."

Air-Gunner James McNeill, about their wounds and what they have done at the front.

When flying in a bomber he was shot in the arm.

"I was the only one to come out of our machine alive," he said. "My pal was killed. We had served together in the same squadron, and it was like losing a brother."

"I don't want the war to pack up till I have had a chance of having another pot at Jerry."

Youths still in their teens and veterans who served in the last war lie side by side in the wards. They prefer to joke and laugh over there, but I still hope to be with their nurses than to talk able to get out there again."

ITCHING TO GET BACK

All regret getting a "Blighty" one, because, in the words of Air-Gunner Frank Greaney, of Smethwick, "We are itching to get back to our guns."

Private Thompson, forty-six, who has come back from France, suffering from wounds he received in the last war, said: "It is just my luck that the old wounds broke out again when we were getting stuck into Jerry."

"I went all through the last war. This was my third time. They prefer to joke and laugh over there, but I still hope to be with their nurses than to talk able to get out there again."

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

OUR CHATTERBUGS

Views of sojourners in this Colony, particularly between the civilian and military elements, are still very sharply divided on the issue of the hour, the necessity for the large-scale evacuations accomplished and contemplated.

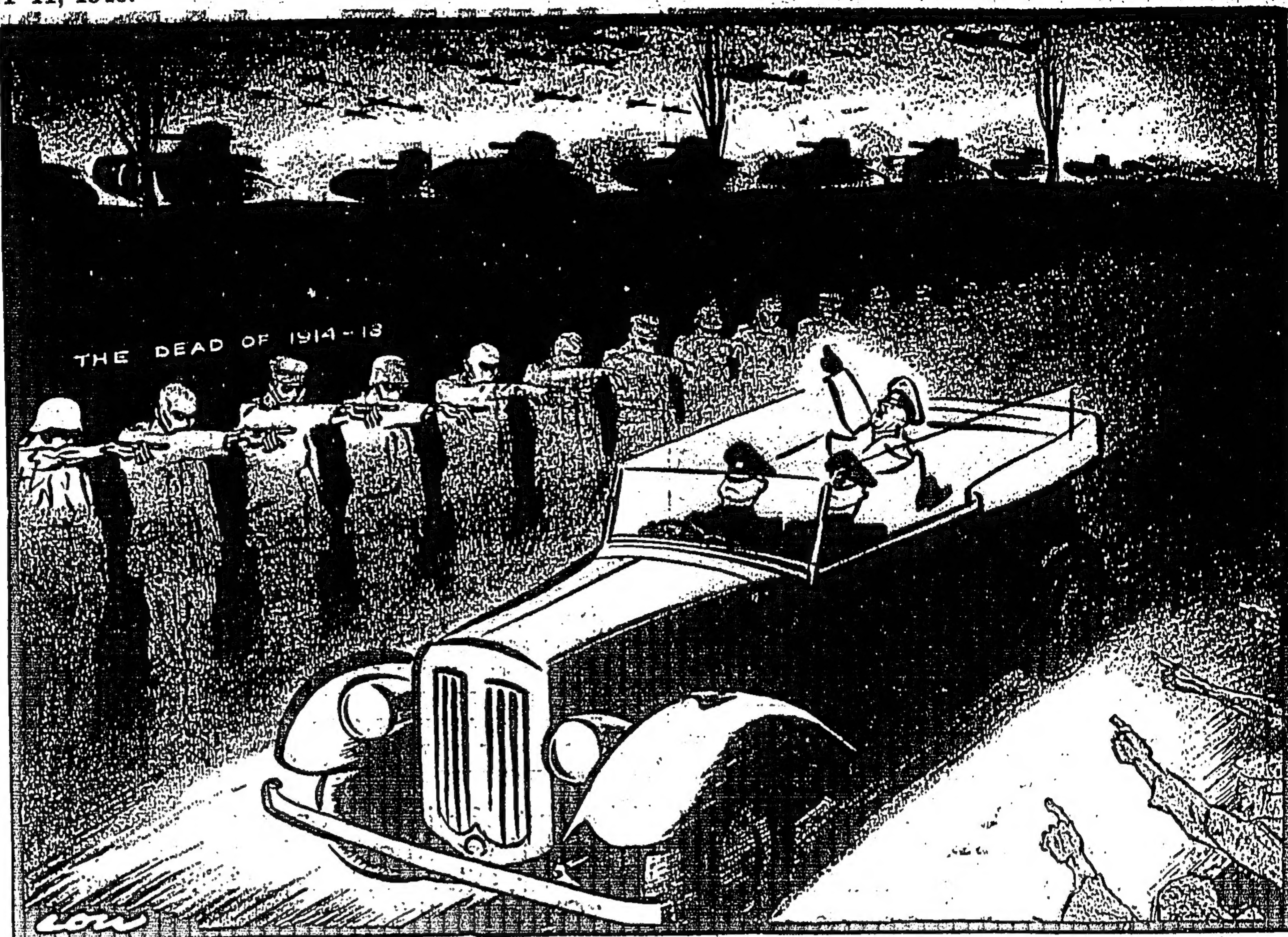
What there can be no dispute about is the grave effect the step has had, and is likely to have, upon Hong Kong's internal economy. At the stroke of some-one's pen, in Whitehall so far as can be judged by official pronouncements, the Colony has been rushed from near boom conditions to serious depression in many spheres, with that disturbance of confidence which threatens its extension, unless more favourable factors are swiftly introduced.

Events since the evacuation decision was sensationally announced by wireless have done nothing to change radically the views of those who foresaw the unpleasant consequences. What they have done is merely to confirm, in large measure, the fears of the Chamber of Commerce.

For that reason, it is desirable once again to draw attention to the mischievous possibilities of idle gossip and of the spreading of wild rumours. Things are bad enough without making them unnecessarily worse. Apart from the sinister Fifth Column, and of a vaguely defined Sixth Column, there is a seventh column which may well be called the Gossip Column in a new guise and with a new meaning. It is associated with the garrulity of super-pessimists and panic-mongers who add daily to the gloom they have to dispense.

Peppery Blimps and the jittery old women of both sexes are bad enough but those who talk glibly as people "in the know" about a situation they understand no better than the next man are a greater danger.

We have to make the best of the present situation, as we find it. That should keep us so busy as to give us no time for chatterbugs.



TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Educating The British Soldier

By

Paul Bloomfield,

distinguished English novelist and writer, who describes the steps which are being taken to enable the British soldier to receive education in conjunction with military training.

The education of the British soldier is not neglected even in these grave, difficult days of war. On the contrary. It might be said that the whole of Britain's academic forces had been mobilised to look after the young soldier's—and the not-so-young soldier's—higher interests.

Navy, Army and Air Force education officers, the Board of Education, the Universities, the local authorities, and other bodies have come together and a great scheme for educating the soldier was beginning to work in quite a big way, even before all the administrative details had been settled.

Here it must be confessed that the British idea of educating the citizen army—or educating anybody—is not one that people approve all the world over. After all, what is education? That remarkable man Godwin, father-in-law of the poet Shelley, thought of education as a panacea for human discontent, rather in the way that the eighteenth century philosophers thought of Reason, or the mid-nineteenth century people thought of Machinery.

We no longer think of education as a panacea, but as a method for helping men and women to make the best of themselves; and therefore when they have left school, but have not stopped needing or wanting to cultivate their minds, we believe their wants ought to be satisfied, and satisfied (here is the point) according to their own notions.

So, although the British soldier is not free to march or halt when and as it seems good to him, he is allowed to decide on his own educational needs: he is offered education, not propaganda. Indeed, he is showing himself in war, as he did in peace, anxious to hear both sides of all the great controversial questions which are agitating the world—political, economic, "ideological." So far he has not decided that there is a case for his only being presented with one side of the case. So he is given what he wants, both sides, as before.

The problem which is being faced is of course complicated. Here are men of varying ages in uniform together, some of them anxious for their professional studies not to be absolutely suspended, others are asking nothing more than to be

saved from boredom which demand. And many townsmen are likely to return to civil life with a time when they are engaged new knowledge of fields, and in certain kinds of duties: for instance, there may be a handful of them living in isolation with a gun or a search-light, not even near a village with its sociable possibilities, its County Library, if it is at home in England, and the friendly inn.

As for the former problem, professional bodies have come forward and said they were willing, in co-operation with publishing firms, to arrange correspondence courses for soldiers. As for the latter who search the skies for German aeroplanes, it looks as if some useful amateur astronomers may come out of the war, because it has occurred to some of our sky sentries to learn to search out the stars as well—another kind of star. Mr. Will Hay—the music-hall comedian who is also an astronomer, is among the lecturers who are supplying this particular

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By dint of a good deal of give-and-take between the various authorities concerned, considerable progress has been made, lately with the different kinds of army education. In a speech in the House of Commons Mr. Stanley, War Minister, promised financial support—not a large sum, compared with the cost of a battleship or two, but a sum that could not be better allocated: money spent on the seed, which brings forth what, for want of a better word, we call culture, which is the substance of civilisation.

The difficulties? Well, we are at war: there are military exigencies. Then as for organisation, with the setting up of a special Central Advisory Committee the awkward overlapping of the military and civil spheres of influence has been remedied: and soon this democra-

tic, voluntary, non-propagandist scheme of education will be in full swing—to secure the future of young men, on whom in turn the character of Great Britain and the Empire will depend, and with it the nature of British influence on the world's peace and settled civilisation.

A.R.P. Work

Air Raid Precaution wardens in Hong Kong, who have joined up with a desire to be of some use in case of emergency in the Colony, may be interested to know the extent to which this work has grown in Great Britain.

It was not until the last war that British people realised that actual hostilities could reach England, at least not in the way the Continental nations felt it. Even during the Napoleonic wars only a very small proportion of the men ever saw war at all—none of the women. The fleet that won Trafalgar only numbered a few thousand men and Wellington's army never exceeded 50,000. The rest of the nation was immune. They paid, they watched and they waited.

During 1914-18, the loss to human life was staggering, as it has already been, in this, while the phenomena that appeared in the last war is re-appearing to even a greater extent to-day. This includes blockade, money questions, intensified agriculture, rationing, munition-making, etc. But the menace from the air though not unknown during the last world

war, has already reached greater proportions than anyone in 1914 could have dreamt of.

It was only in 1935 when the threat of German Nazism began to become apparent that a new Defence Service was formed, including the A.R.P. Department at the Home Office. The tremendous jolt the country received following the Munich affair resulted in the passing of the Civil Defence Act. Under the Act the country was divided into twelve civil defence regions. There were twelve Commissioners; staffs were provided and the industrial side of A.R.P. was made obligatory. Every factory had to make its preparations.

The work of the organisation is actually a much bigger thing than Air Raid Precautions alone. The service covers A.R.P. with its wardens, its Rescue Parties and its Decontamination Squads and First Aid Parties. It covers the Ambulances and the First Aid Posts—all splendidly helped by St. John and St. Andrews and the Red Cross—and all those amounting more than one and a half million people. It also covers the Fire Service and its Auxiliaries—more

than 200,000 men and women. It covers the police and its Auxiliaries—nearly another 200,000.

It covers a very large section of that surprising organisation the Women's Voluntary Service with more than 600,000 women which seems to be able to turn its hand to anything. It covers, too, the A.R.P. of industry, which has trained 700,000 people.

There are also people behind the scenes who are working equally well in the common cause. Nearly 70 million respirators of one kind or another have been made; steel shelters constructed to protect eleven million people; there are those who have installed many hundreds of miles of telephone cables, those who have worked on the lighting problems and a many more details too numerous to mention, all of which come under the heading of A.R.P. work.

The Air Raid Precaution Work and its Auxiliary branches may not be spectacular, but it is very important and Great Britain is preparing for German attack is depending to a large extent on the efficiency with which A.R.P. workers of all types carry out their jobs to withstand that attack.



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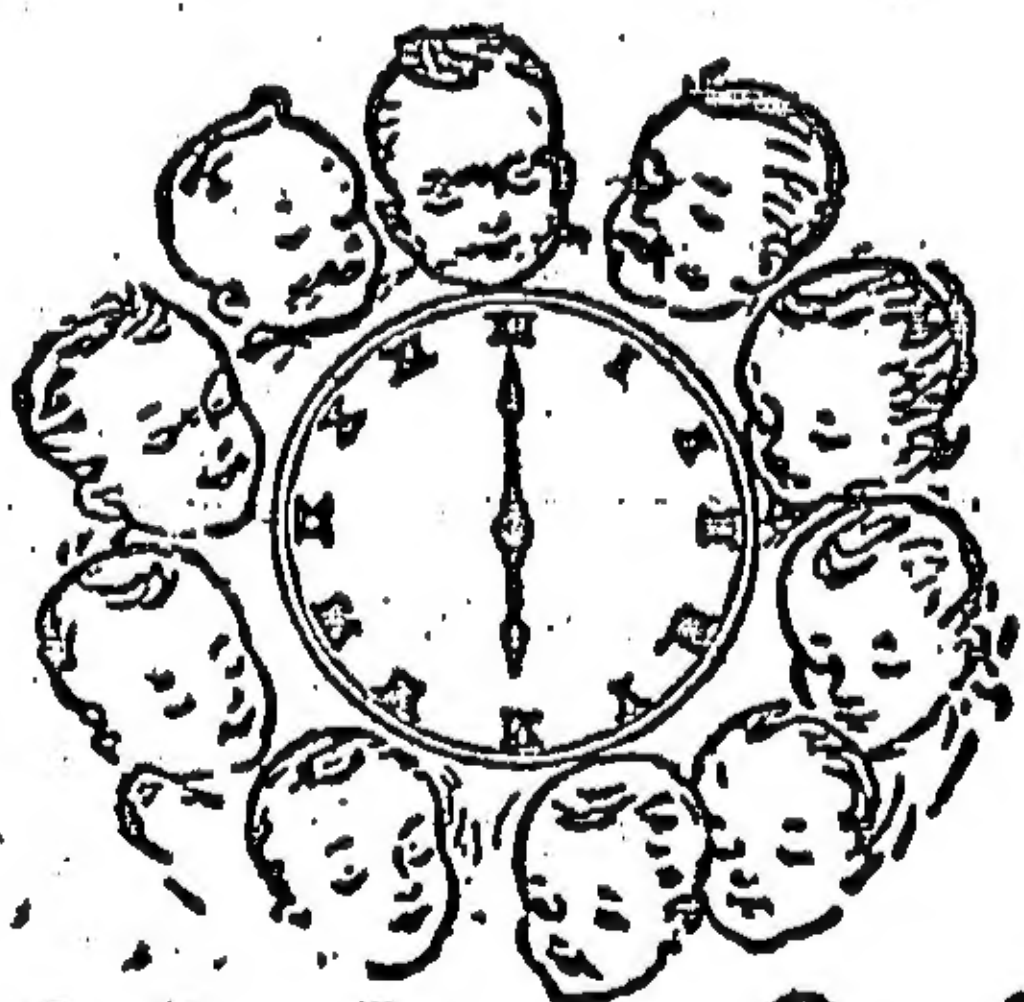
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3 "Demands" Of Government

MR. OKAZAKI'S DISCLOSURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THREE SPECIFIC DEMANDS — NEGOTIATIONS ON WHICH ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY — HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BY MR. K. OKAZAKI, CONSUL-GENERAL FOR JAPAN IN HONG KONG. THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS FROM AN AUTHENTIC SOURCE TO-DAY.

"The text of alleged Japanese demands reported yesterday are inaccurate," declared Mr. Okazaki, in an interview with the "China Mail."

ROTTERDAM HORROR

Details have now reached London of the terrible devastation wrought in Rotterdam by German bombers on May 14.

Well-informed Dutch circles in London yesterday stated that the number of dead is approximately 30,000. Only three buildings are left standing over an area of two square miles.

Despite this, a German statement published in German-controlled Dutch newspapers said that only 300 were killed.

The work of clearing away was still proceeding seven weeks after the bombardment and human victims were being found at the rate of 300 bodies a day.

Added to the devastation wrought by the bombers was the aggravated damage wrought by enormous fires which burned for two days.—Reuter.

COMPANY MISSING

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ANNOUNCES THAT NO. 22 ANIMAL TRANSPORT COMPANY OF THE ROYAL INDIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS IS REPORTED MISSING AND MUST BE ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

The company formed part of a mule transport which joined the B.E.F. in December. It was in the Metz area at the time of the German advance, the rapidity of which presumably forestalled arrangements for its evacuation.

All other units of the Indian contingent with the B.E.F. reached England safely.—Reuter.

WAR BOND DRIVE

Subscriptions to the 2½ per cent National War Bonds received during the week ending July 9 totalled £31,000,000, making a total of £91,000,000 since June 25.

The total received by the Treasury in loans free of interest up to July 9 was just under £10,000,000.—Reuter.

RAIDERS SHOT DOWN AT MALTA

Three enemy planes were brought down by anti-aircraft fire and British fighters when they raided Malta yesterday morning.

A fourth machine was so badly damaged that it is unlikely that it reached its base.—Reuter.

Mr. Okazaki revealed that he was in possession of a copy of the demands presented to Sir Robert Craigie in Tokyo, but added that he was not in a position to disclose the contents.

He declined to discuss the reported demands, pointing out that it was a matter between the Japanese Government and Great Britain. He was not in a position to make any comment. All he could state was that the reported text of the demands was incorrect.

The "China Mail" learns, however, to-day that three issues were raised for consideration by the Hong Kong Government through the Japanese Consulate-General.

They covered:—

(1) Prohibition of exportation, by land and sea, of all materials and supplies destined for the Chungking Government;

(2) Suppression of anti-Japanese propaganda in all foreign and Chinese newspapers and other journals; and

(3) Closure of all Chinese political organisations in Hong Kong.

The demarche was made to the Hong Kong Government recently and it is stated that the authorities have promised to give the matter full consideration.

Negotiations are said to be proceeding smoothly.

GIRLS' SKY AMBULANCES

The first two specially designed aeroplanes to be used as aerial ambulances are in course of construction. Costing £15,000, they are a gift of the Girl Guides' Association to the Government.

These Oxford Air Speed monoplanes, with twin Cheetah engines, have a range of 800 miles, and cruising speed of 160 m.p.h. Each is fitted with two spring stretchers, medical stores and oxygen equipment, water tank, wash basin and wireless.

In addition to the two stretchers there is ample room for sitting patients, and for a doctor and nurse to accompany serious cases.

The planes are expected to be in service with the fleet of other converted air liners which have recently been adapted to convey wounded soldiers from Belgium and France to Britain in a little more than two hours.

This gift of the Girl Guides is the result of their "Gift Week" appeal, when every member was asked to subscribe half a day's wages or income to the fund.

DEMOBILISATION OF DUTCH ARMY

According to a German wireless message, cabled by Reuter, the demobilisation of the Dutch Army will be completed on July 15. The General Commanding the German Army of Occupation has forbidden the wearing of Dutch military uniform after that date.

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE IN KENYA

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY THAT BUNA, TO THE SOUTH OF BRITISH MOYALE, WAS BOMBED AND MACHINE GUNNED YESTERDAY BY ITALIAN AIRCRAFT.

Eighty bombs were dropped but no damage was done and there were no casualties. This morning the enemy heavily shelled British Moyale and later British troops were attacked. No further details are yet available.

Enemy aircraft were also active in the same region.

An Italian claim to have captured a number of British troops in the Turkian region is denied.—Reuter.

NEW FACTOR ENTERS EVACUATION SCHEME

The extent to which, if at all, the scheme about the transferring of children overseas should be proceeded with is under urgent consideration in London and an announcement is expected next week.

The pause in the scheme is necessitated by the large number of applications and is responsible for the general review of the arrangements.

There is reason to believe that pressure is being put upon Government to reconsider the dangers to which children might be exposed in transit, as well as the bearing of the very extensive scheme upon the number of escort vessels required.—Reuter.

Canada's

Disappointment

Emphasising the keen disappointment which he would feel in Canada if the scheme for evacuating children overseas falls through, an immigration official stated yesterday: "All the machinery is ready here now. We just have to turn a switch and the organisation will start to receive and care for these children for the duration."

Meanwhile New York plans with the utmost vigour.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT WANTS AN ARMY OF 2,000,000 MEN

PREPARATIONS FOR EQUIPPING an army of over 2,000,000 men are envisaged in a new request for defence appropriations sent to Congress in Washington yesterday by President Roosevelt. In a Special Message, the President asked Congress to authorise U.S.\$4,848,000,000 for defence, additional to the huge appropriations recently approved.

The President declared: "We will not use our arms in a war of aggression. We will not send our men to take part in European wars."

"So great a sum needs a great sacrifice."

"So great a programme means hard work — the participation of the whole country in the total defence of the country."

The President's present request brings the total he has asked from Congress this session for re-armament to approximately U.S.\$10,000,000,000.

According to the President's Message, the money is to be issued for the following purposes:

Firstly, to carry on naval re-armament until the Navy is ready to meet any possible combination of hostile forces.

Land Army Of 2,000,000

Secondly, to provide complete equipment for a land force of approximately 1,200,000 men, though this Army would not be the Army in peacetime.

Thirdly, to procure reserve stocks of tanks, guns, artillery and ammunition for another 800,000 men (thus envisaging an army of 2,000,000 if the necessity for it should arise).

Fourthly, to provide the Government-owned manufacturing facilities necessary to produce the equipment of a land army of 2,000,000 men and the manufacture of the ordnance required for Army and Navy aircraft.

Fifthly, to procure 15,000 new planes with the necessary spare engines, armaments and most modern equipment. — Reuter.

New Enslavement

President Roosevelt, as an American, fully understood the "threat of new enslavement in which one may not speak, may not listen, may not think. As these threats become more numerous and their dire meaning clearer, it deepens the determination of the American people to meet

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PERSISTENT RAIDS ON GERMAN NAVAL BASES

A British Air Ministry communique issued last night in London states: "Last night Royal Air Force bombers attacked the naval dockyards and Wilhelmshaven and Bremen, goods yards in the Ruhr, oil refineries in Monheim and aerodromes at Borkum, Texel, Schipol and Warhaven."

"Damage was done to all these objectives."

"All our aircraft returned safely."

"Extensive reconnaissances, escorts and patrols were flown yesterday by aircraft of the Coastal Command and Bomber Commands from which three of our aircraft failed to return."

"During to-day, enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, carried out attacks on our shipping and coasts. Information so far received shows that in to-day's engagements our fighters shot down 11 enemy aircraft, three of which were bombers. There is reason to believe that many more were seriously damaged."

"In to-day's operations two of our fighters were lost in action with the enemy. Yesterday three of our fighters were lost." — Reuter.

Menace Grows

"The people and their representatives in Congress know that the threats to our liberties, the threats to our security, the threats against our way of life, the threats to our institutions of religion, democracy and good faith have increased in number and gravity from month to month, from week to week, almost from day to day."

Declaring that because America maintained democratic political institutions it did not mean the country was weak, Mr. Roosevelt added:

"Free men and women of the United States are determined to be strong as well as free. Apologists for despotism and those who aid them by whispering defeatism or appeasement assert that because we have not devoted our full energies to arms and war preparations we are now incapable of defence. I refute that imputation." — Reuter.

PARACHUTE RUMOURS

A Ministry of Information announcement states that the keen determination throughout the country to be fully prepared against invasion has produced a crop of rumours about parachutists.

Although these rumours can in one sense be regarded as symptoms of mental preparedness, they do cause widespread alarm and anxiety.

It is authoritatively stated that no enemy parachutists have yet landed in this country.

The enemy branches of the civil defence services can be relied on to maintain their constant vigilance against enemy surprise attack.

The general public must do their bit by being continuously on guard against false rumours such as these. — Reuter.

The Eirean Government has added Waterford to the list of controlled ports, states a message from Dublin. — Reuter.

SHENGKING PROTEST

THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES THIS MORNING ANNOUNCED THAT A VERY STRONG PROTEST HAS BEEN LODGED WITH THE BRITISH NAVAL AUTHORITIES OVER THE SHENGKING.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH NAVAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED AT THE JAPANESE INTERFERENCE WITH A BRITISH SHIP. — REUTER.

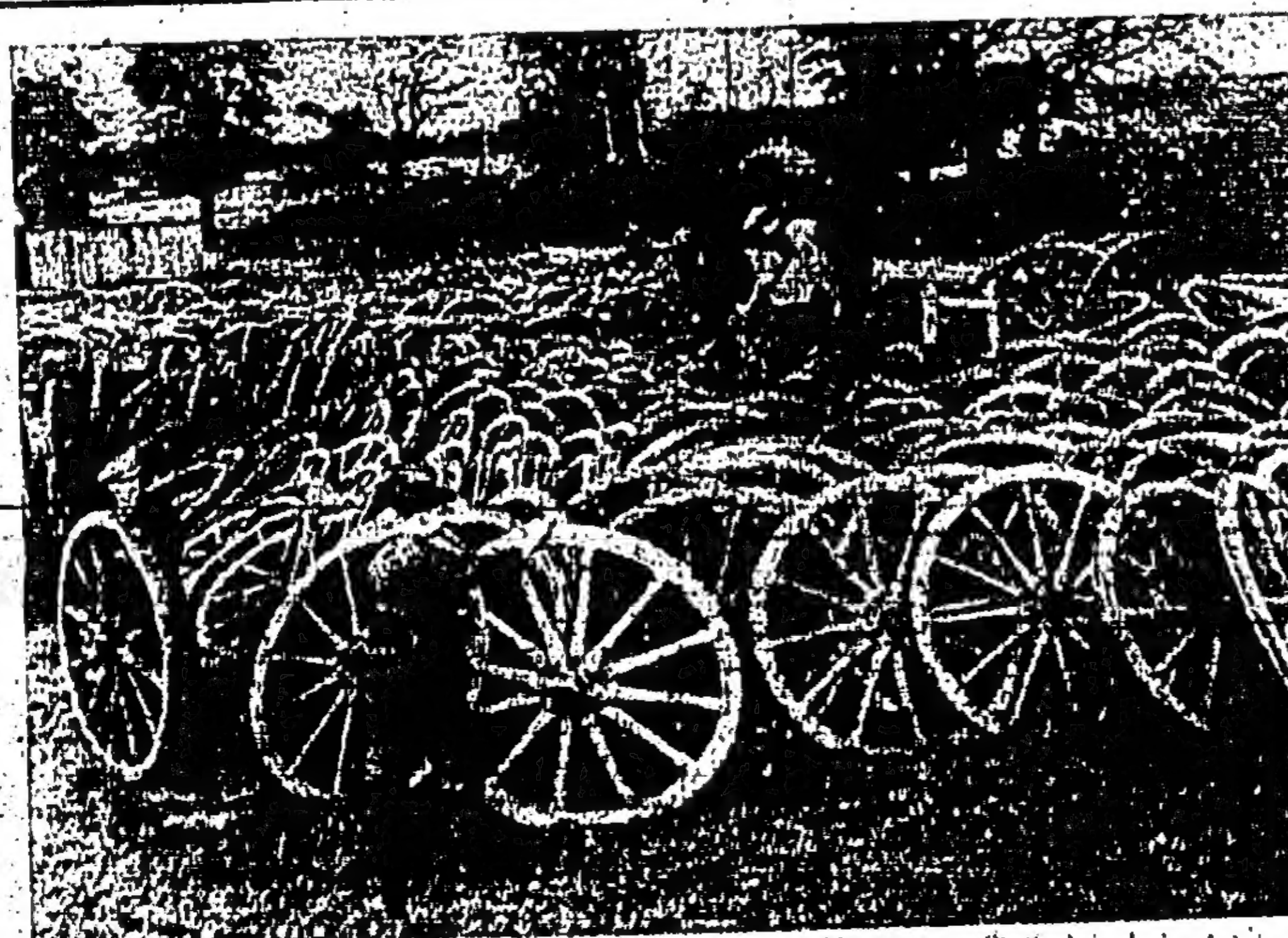
BIG ROBBERY IN MACAO

Officers of the Macao Police Force arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to consult local police experts in connection with a robbery committed in Portuguese waters.

The case involves goods and valuables totalling \$260,000.

SUMMERTIME IN EGYPT

Summer Time will be instituted in Egypt for the first time on July 15, when the clocks will be advanced by one hour. — Reuter.

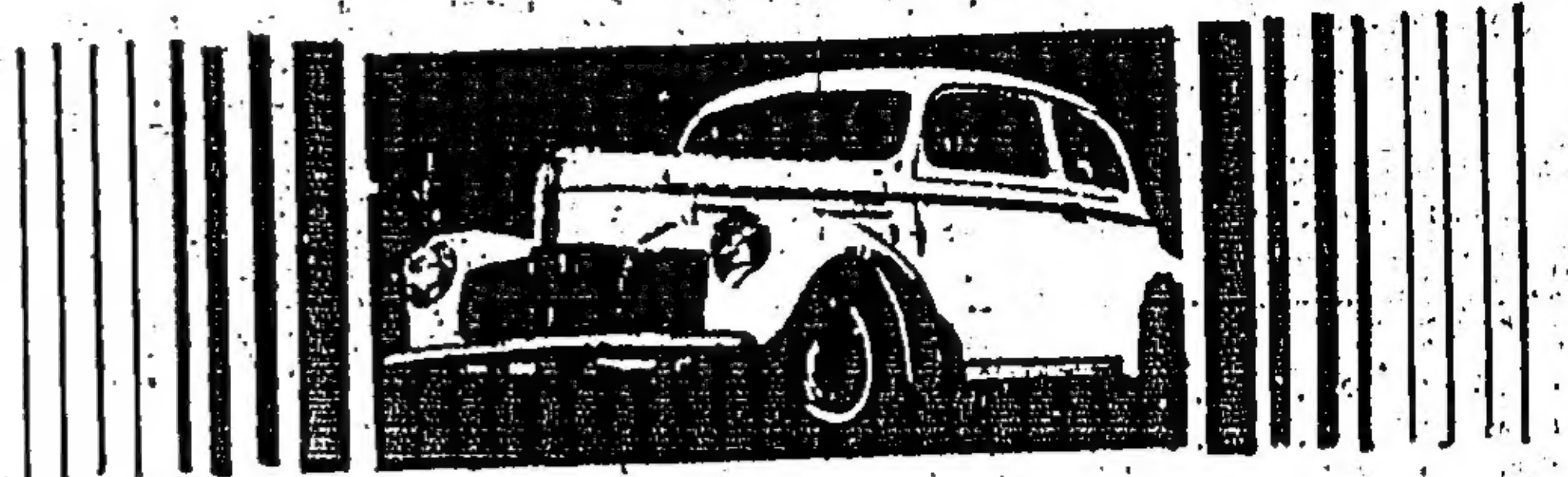


WAGON WHEELS—Following the mechanisation of the Army, hundreds of limber wagon wheels are to be seen in huge piles on the Bromley road, Kent. These wheels are to be renovated after which they will be put back into the Army again for further use. (Copyright, Fox).

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4282.	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheong Street, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 3,720	\$42
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2810.	Castle Peak Road, Shamshuiipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 7,350	\$102
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(By The Four Aces)

CO-OPERATIVE DEFENCE

Effective defence often depends on team-work, and team-work is best achieved when a player makes it easy for his partner to understand his intentions. Today's hand is a case in point:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ Q J 8
♥ A K J 9
♦ K 6
♣ J 10 9 8
N
W
E
S
♠ K 10
♥ 7 4
♦ A Q J 8
♣ 5 3
♠ A 9 8 7 6 4
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 7 4
♣ K Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the ten of diamonds, dummy played the King, and East took his Ace. East then cashed the Jack of diamonds, noting that his partner dropped the deuce.

Now, most good players lead or play partner's suit from the top down—that is, the lowest card is played last. The appearance of West's deuce of diamonds therefore told East that South had the only unseen diamond. East saw that he could surely win a trump trick if one of dummy's trump honours could be forced out, and the diamonds indicated a way to accomplish this end. But if East led the Queen of diamonds, it was possible that West would simply discard. In that case dummy would ruff with the low spade, and East's spade King would be picked up. To make it easy for his partner, East simply led a low diamond. Since West knew the location of the diamond Queen, he was surprised to see his partner lead a low diamond through South's nine spot. It was only one step from surprise to understanding, so West put up the five of trumps, forcing out dummy's Jack.

South made a valiant attempt to save the hand, by laying down the Ace of trumps and running the hearts, but East ruffed the third heart with the King and returned a club to defeat the contract.

Yesterday, with neither side vulnerable, you were Howard Schenken's partner, and held:

♠ A J 10 6 3
♥ Q 10 5 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 9

The bidding:

You	Howard Schenken	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Dbt.	Redbl.	2♣
Pass	5♦	5♥	Pass

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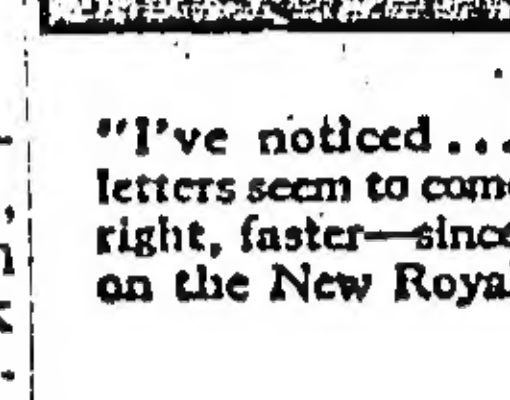


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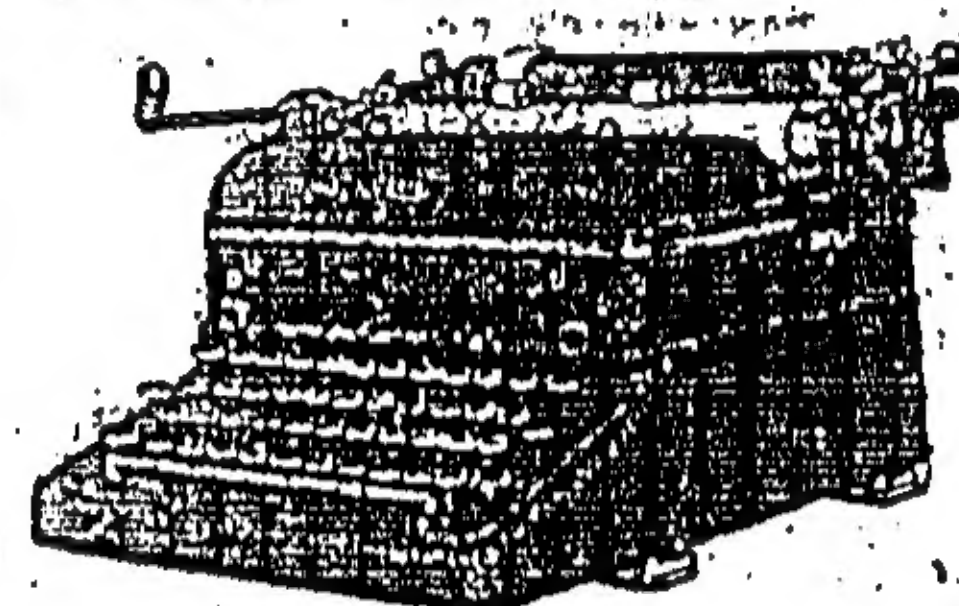
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QUESTION NO. 459. You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ J 4
♥ K 7 3
♦ K Q 10 6 4
♣ A 8 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Malier	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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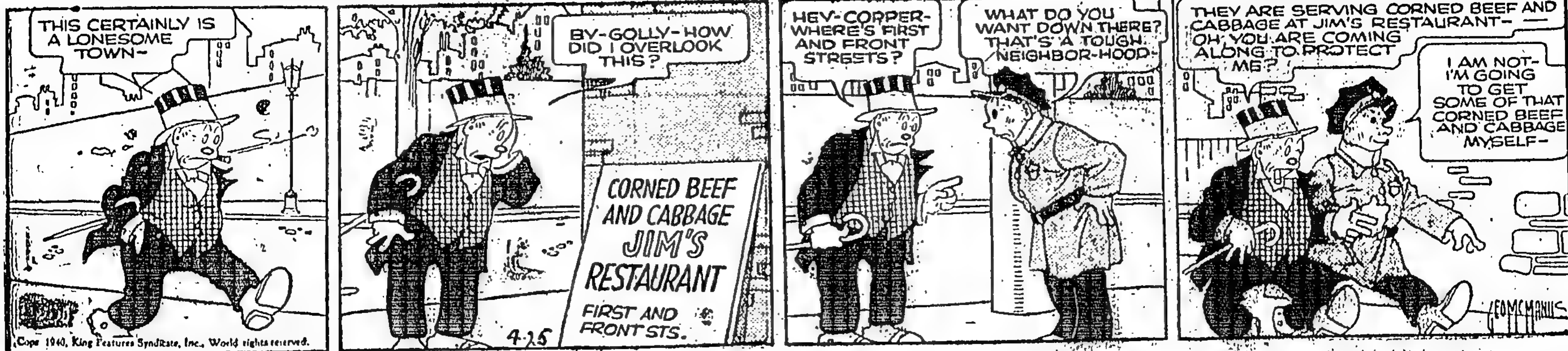
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Make Your Children Self-Reliant

"The number of children, particularly those born of well-to-do parents, who reach adult stature and intelligence, but whose home training has caused their spirit to die through malnutrition and starvation is very large and growing constantly larger," said Dr. Chappell the world-famous psychologist. "These well-dressed young people are little more than spectres and the adult world is their hell."

"They are taught to depend on their parents for everything and so are robbed systematically of the sense of accomplishment through individual effort and are kept irresponsible infants. This process continues until they have arrived at an age where their parents, secure in the belief that they have given the children every advantage, demand now that they automatically become self-reliant, mature adults. Unfortunately, many skills, psychological and emotional, as well as physical, are required to be an adult of even mediocre maturity."

"Such skills are developed only through the kind of practice which is withheld from the victims of paternalism by over-indulgence and over protection."

And the tragic denouement, says Dr. Chappell, is not a pleasant thing to contemplate: "An adult body, a set of infantile attitudes, values and accomplishments, and a world demanding mature behaviour—these are the circumstances that kill the spirits of our young and leave their bodies wandering futilely through the world."

While Dr. Chappell recognises it is not possible to lay down hard and fast rules applicable to all children, he points out that there are certain principles that any

parent can follow in developing self-reliant children. Here they are:—

"First. The important end of training is not to have a 'good' child, but to develop in the child the feeling that he can accomplish his ends for himself."

"Second. It must be remembered that the child learns what he practices. Practice is doing."

"Third. Nothing is ever done without some motivation. If the task to be done is long, difficult or unpleasant, the motivation must be correspondingly strong."

"Fourth. The child's desires and yearnings will become sufficiently strong to cause him to undertake their satisfaction if the parent does not do it for him."

"Fifth. The parent should arrange circumstances in such a

way that the child, in satisfying his desire, will also accomplish through his own efforts something which in itself will increase his sense of power in dealing with difficulties."

"Sixth. Never reward the child for failure. If his desire is strong enough, he will try again, perhaps with another method. The value of perseverance can never be appreciated if the child learns to give up after a single failure. Parents who use a little thought in the application of these principles need have no fear for the self-reliance of their children."

Remember children's yearnings are many, and these can be put to work. "When a boy wants a dog or a cat, let him earn his pet, buy it himself, take care of it, feed it, train and exercise it," he said. "If a little girl wants a doll, pay her a few coppers a day for doing errands, washing dishes, taking care of the baby."

Modern Bride More Practical

By Amy Bonner

The modern bride is just as anxious to have her home exquisite in every detail as her grandmother was. But she is far more practical, according to Miss Marie Coudert Brenning, who has devoted her career, for the past decade or more, to advising brides on details of their homes.

"When the modern bride is buying a set of dinner dishes, for instance," said Miss Brenning, "she will choose a set which is just as expensive as her grandmother's was; but one which she can use for various occasions. The heavy gold-encrusted dinner service of our grandmothers' day served only for formal occasions."

Technically every bride is a bride for a full year. And one of the important ways in which the bride entertains is by means of the formal luncheon.

In her smart table appointments for these luncheons, the young home-maker follows the tendency of the modern decorator to choose designs having a family resemblance but not identical.

An extremely smart luncheon table for the modern bride's formal entertaining, a table as beautiful as anything her grandmother might have chosen, demonstrates these modern tendencies in design. The flat silverware in a simple, almost severe modern line, shows a wave pattern on the shanks; and has the new fork with three tines. The English rock crystal service repeats the wave motif; and a large rock crystal swan, flanked by two pairs of smaller rock crystal swans, serves as a centerpiece. Wedgewood antique silver lusterware, in the Runnymede pattern, has its colouring emphasised by the silvery-gray satin lacquer with its woven Chinese or lacquer-red modernistic deer-and-woods design. The open salt cellar is used.

How simple to transform this formal luncheon table into one for an informal porch repast! For the Wedgewood ware, simply substitute pottery; for the damask, appliqued linen, gingham, organdy, rough textured linen or other country material; for the rock crystal service, colourful glassware in raffia holders; for the swan centrepieces, rock-garden flowers or pottery fruit. The Neptune-patterned silverware may still be used, it is so simple.

These smart luncheon tables were exhibited as part of a new service for young homemakers recently installed in a Fifth Avenue shop.

When a large fruit cake carries the hopes of the careful cook, precautions must be taken against burning it at the bottom and on the sides. This may be avoided by placing the cake tin (with uncooked cake in it) into a larger tin, which has a good, even layer of salt on the bottom. Then pack the sides with salt. A little extra trouble, but well worth it for a special cake, and you've still got your salt.

To set drawings, take three parts of milk to one part water. Place the drawing face upwards upon a tray and pour the milk and water completely over it. Then hang up the drawing to drain. You will find that it will be as secure as a print.

If moths are in a carpet spread a damp cloth over the part and iron it dry with a hot iron. The heat and steam will destroy the worms and eggs.

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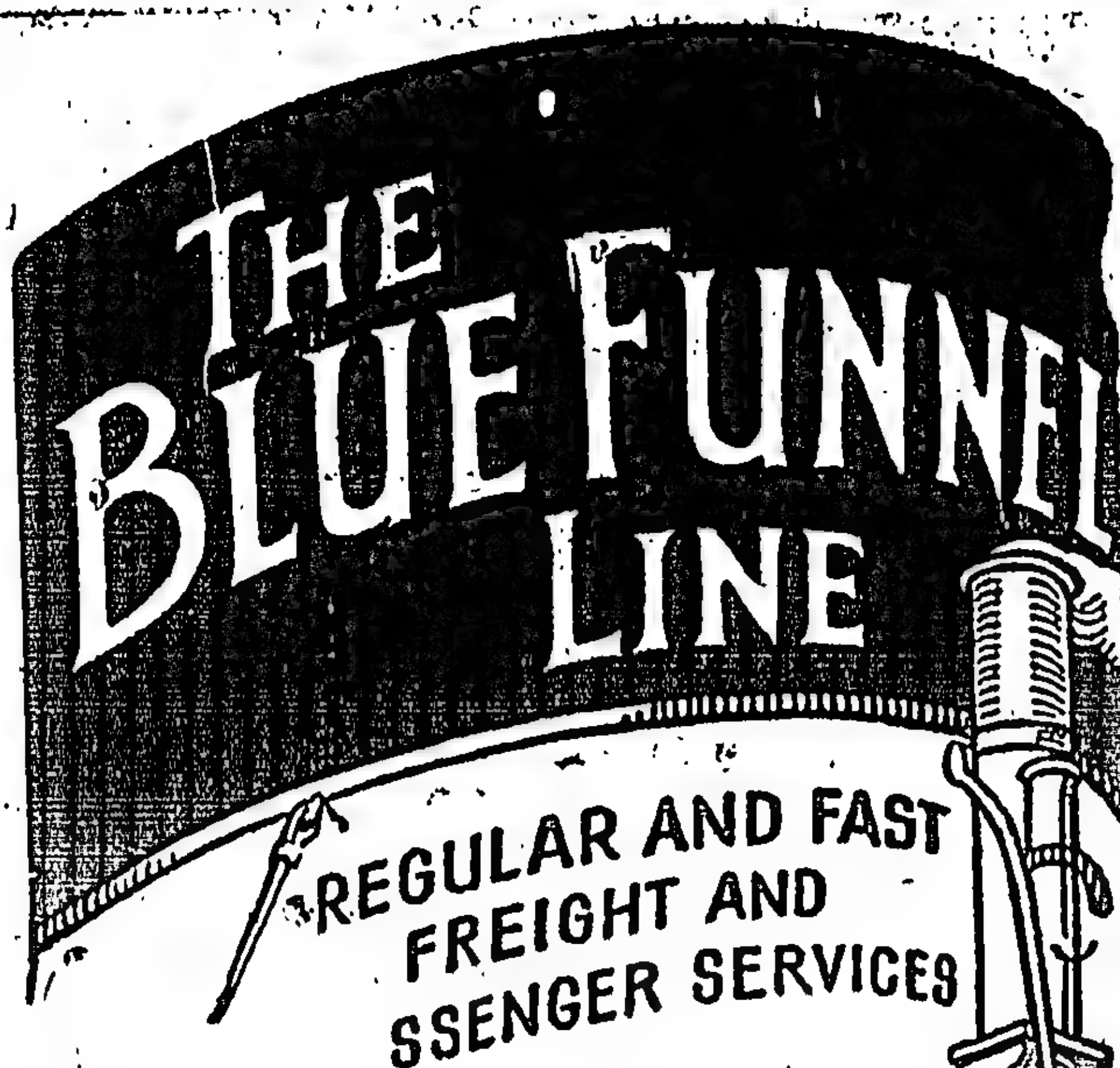
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12.30 p.m.—Francis Langford (Vocal) and Quentin Maclean (Organ).

12.50 p.m.—Piano Duets by Jean Wiener and Clement Doucet.

1.03 p.m.—"Hits" from the Films.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with The Duncan Sisters & "Hutch".

Vocal — Ti-Pi-Tin (Levee-Greyer); Adam and Eve (Duncan Sisters—Granatt); The Duncan Sisters with Two Pianos.

Fox-Trots—Why Doesn't Somebody Tell Me These Things; Don't Let That Moon Get Away (film "Sing, you Sinners"); Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Vocal & Piano—Let's Make Memories To-night (film "All Clear"); Over The Rainbow (film "Wizard of Oz")

Orch.—Ya Got Something There (Hart & Hylton); The Bassoon (Ashlyn); Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal by Sid Buckman.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.47 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.49 p.m.—Stravinsky—The Fire-Bird Suite, Leopold Stokowski & Philadelphia Orchestra.

7.10 p.m.—A Short Concert by Joseph Sziget (Violin) and Walter Gieseking (Piano).

Rondo (Schubert, Op. 53—arr. Friedberg); Scherzo Valse (Chabrier, arr. Loeffler); Joseph Sziget (Violin) with Nikita de Magaloff at the Piano.

L'Isle Joyeuse (Debussy); Pagodes (Estampes) No. 1—Debussy); Walter Gieseking (Piano).

Menuet (Debussy—Dushkin); Joseph Sziget (Violin) with Kurt Ruhseltz at the Piano.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"Countess Maritza"—Selection (Kalmann); Grand Symphony Orchestra with Ilse Wald (Soprano) and Hans Clemens (Tenor).

"The Three Waltzes" (Oscar Straus); C'est Le Destin Peut-Etre.... Yvonne Printemps (Vocal); Je Ne Sais Pas Ce Que L'On Pense.... Yvonne Printemps and Pierre Fresnay (Vocal) with Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The King of Spain's Daughter". A Play.

8.35 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra and Charles Kullman (Tenor).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordeon Band and The Hill Billies.

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DEAN WILSON, WHO accompanied Hong Kong's evacuee women and children to Manila last Friday, told the whole story of conditions aboard and dealt with other matters which had been the subject of comment, in the course of a broadcast over ZBW last night. The Dean said:

I know how much you are longing to know about your own folk who have been evacuated and I am sorry that I have to speak in general terms. My talk covers the journey on the "Empress of Japan" with a very brief description of the places in Manila where your families are now. I also want to make clear that I speak as a representative of the Voluntary Evacuation Committee which interpreted as well as it could the Government regulations, and which asked Mr. Sweeney and myself to accompany your families and do what we could to make the journey and disembarkation as easy as possible. It is only a few hours since I returned and it is impossible in the time to make a detailed report but I have had time to read the press reports and correspondence about the journey and would like to make some observations about many things which we feel were misrepresented and misunderstood.

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In another report I see that I am credited with asking people to sign a "round robin" saying that conditions were not so bad. This is quite untrue. Many passengers were indignant at the report of ghastly conditions and felt that their friends remaining in Hong Kong and those whom the report reached in England would be distressed and alarmed and the letter was written to counteract this report. Many hundreds of people had signed it before I heard of it.

Boat Drill

Perhaps you were worried about the boat drill taking place while you were saying goodbye. But this was done before the ship left for the convenience of passengers. If done at sea it might have caused panic and would certainly have caused great inconvenience. It was quickly over and your families came back to the side of the ship to wave farewell.

After the ship left there were many adjustments of cabins and bed spaces; some people giving up their cabins to sleep on deck in order to allow some of the families, especially those with young children, to find more suitable accommodation. When any real hardship was reported we succeeded in making some other arrangement.

Another report speaks of the ghastly crossing because of weather. Mr. Sweeney has made the trip many times and reports that it was one of the best that he has known. The number of cases of sea sickness was not great and there was no crashing about at all. Many people stayed in their beds and bunks because of queasiness and nervousness and when you consider the emotional strain that has been put upon these people and the tiredness caused by so much waiting about it is not to be wondered at that many people rested.

All meals were served in the 1st Class Dining Room but under very different conditions. Long tables, benches and enamel mugs were the order of the day but the food was plain, plentiful and wholesome. When food unsuitable for children was served the stewards were always ready to get something else. The last meal was served about 6 o'clock and some people found that they were getting a little hungry by 8 or 9 o'clock. There was seldom any delay in serving meals because there were plenty of stewards and the dining room accommodated such a large number of people.

A Troop Ship

Because the "Empress" was a troop ship the cabin stewards were withdrawn but many of the dining room boys gave voluntary assistance. This lack of boys for the cabins caused a certain amount of discomfort, and on the first night there was a lamentable shortage of soap and towels but this was put right later. Sweeping and dusting were non-existent, except in the halls and dining room. The bed linen was clean and plentiful.

The 1st Class smoking room was kept as a lounge but was never overcrowded as most people preferred to spend their time on deck where there was plenty of space and deck chairs. There was a bar in the lounge where there was a plentiful supply but a limited range. The soft drinks seemed unduly expensive.

There was a great deal of clerical work still to be done, but twenty or more voluntary workers were quickly recruited on Saturday morning. All the necessary lists were completed very efficiently and 15 alphabetical lists of all the passengers were soon compiled. One list of B's were omitted and I hope it isn't indelicate to say that those B's gave us more trouble than the rest of the alphabet but all was finished by 4 p.m. The time on board was spent in resting, gossiping, reading or writing the many letters which I hope you will soon have in your possession.

Lack Of Knowledge

Many of us were kept busy trying to answer the numerous questions. Unfortunately our answer was so often that "we did not know." This lack of knowledge about future plans was perhaps inevitable but was a source of weariness to both questioners and officials.

We were fortunate in having on board two Government doctors and two nursing sisters as well as the ship's medical staff. They were not called upon for any very serious cases but the sisters were untiring in dealing with minor ailments and acting as stewardesses to those in need. Many of the young girls and those without family ties helped to mind the babies and play games with the older children. Great disappointment was expressed that no babies were born on board. I doubt if the doctors and nurses shared this disappointment and perhaps some children are spared the life long infliction of peculiar names.

On the whole, people slept fairly well, especially the children whose general behaviour was really excellent.

We arrived at Manila early on Sunday Morning. But the weather was unkind. Quarantine restrictions are very severe in Manila and the "Empress of Asia" was dealt with the first. Our turn did not come till the afternoon but the inspection was finished in two hours which is, I understand, a record for the number of people we had on board. It was still pouring with rain and it was decided to leave embarkation until Monday morning.

In Manila

Early on Monday passports were seen and people began to leave the ship at 8 a.m. This organisation was undertaken by the American Army who were absolutely splendid. Soldiers came on board and carried children and luggage to the pier. Those who had made private arrangements in Manila disembarked first and they were taken to their friends at the end of the pier and handed over to them. The others were taken to covered army lorries in parties of 8 or 10 together with their light luggage. Seats were provided and all seemed very comfortable. There must have been about 100 of these lorries which took their passengers direct to Fort Mackinley 13 kilometers away. The disembarkation was completed by 11 o'clock and all that time the American Brigadier General watched the splendid efficiency of his organisation.

The road to Fort Mackinley was flooded for many miles because of the severe rain-storms but the encampment itself was in no way under water. Fort Mackinley is like a very large camp with hundreds of large Army huts looking like rather large pavilions. At each of them there is sleeping and dining accommodation separately. At each one of the huts the evacuees were served with hot meals as soon as they arrived. The equipment was Army equipment but the food was excellent. On the ground floor there was also offices and bathrooms. Upstairs there was one large dormitory in which there were about 100 beds.

Lack Of Privacy

The beds were comfortable and clean but the lack of privacy and the crowded conditions made some of the people rather unhappy. But much had been done to divide people in groups according to their needs.

Small children were placed separately with their mothers where the necessary equipment was available for special feeding. The young boys had a place to themselves and generally the arrangements were admirable. I saw most of them settled in and the heavy luggage arriving but I had

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to leave to catch the boat which was sailing at 2 o'clock. A great deal of this expense I understand is being borne by the American people and their courtesy and that of the British women who were helping was very much appreciated. Many of you will be wanting to get in touch with your relations in Manila. I have no official knowledge but I am quite certain that if you send your letter addressed to Mrs. or Miss Blank, Hong Kong Evacuee, c/o of H. B. M. Consulate General, Manila, P. I. your letter will reach them.

Praise For Crew

A Government official who travelled on the Japan remains in Manila to act as Liaison Officer and there is another Government Financial Officer who is remaining with them.

I would like to end this brief talk with a word of praise for the ships personnel who were always ready to give what help they could, but the largest measure of praise must go to the women and children themselves who in difficult situations kept their courage bright and their spirits high. In spite of the inevitable grumbles and grouses who were really very few there was underneath the sadness a determination not only to make the best of things but to find joy in helping one another. I know they send you their love.

A 57-year-old fisherman, Mo Shek, had his right hand blown off while dynamiting fish in Ping Chau yesterday.

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SING TAO HOPE TO GO ON SOCCER TOUR NEXT WEEK

Malaya, Burma And Manila Itinerary

After a delay of nearly two months, Sing Tao Sports Club have now obtained permission from the Football Association of Malaya to tour Malaya and in turn have obtained permission from Hong Kong Football Association.

It will be recalled that Hong Kong Football Association refused to grant permission for the tour until Malaya had consented to the team visiting Malaya.

Sing Tao now contemplate leaving Hong Kong early next week and are including in their itinerary, not only Malaya but Burma and Manila.

Recently a circular was received from the Football Association of Malaya asking for the co-operation of all ports in the Far East concerning tours which were a potential source of danger to pure amateur football. Among the suggestions for stricter control was one that a visiting team should not be given permission to visit any port unless that port had previously given permission for the trip.

It is known that Manila were agreeable to the idea and a prominent official of the Philippines Federation repeated this when in Hong Kong recently.

It is to be presumed that Burma are also co-operating with Malaya in this respect.

Malayan Permission Only

Now, Sing Tao has obtained permission from Malaya and Hong Kong. As far as Hong Kong is concerned they have not had any advice that Burma and Manila have agreed to the tour and, until then, if the Malaya circular is kept in mind, Hong Kong should not give Sing Tao permission to play in any port except in Malaya.

Of course this is a point which would not be overlooked by the officials of Sing Tao.

Sing Tao hope to play three games in Singapore, the first against a combined team, the second against the Services and lastly against All Singapore. From there they will play in Kuala Lumpur and Penang and go to Burma, where they will play three games in Rangoon.

On their homeward journey they will again play several games in Singapore and in Manila, returning to the Colony at the beginning of September.

Visits to Indo-China, and the Dutch East Indies, which were first included in their itinerary, are not now possible.

The party will consist of four officials and 22 players, most of whom are from South China.

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen," as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press." Reference is made to baseball and to Shanghai plays and should prove of interest to local fans.

By W. T. COLLINS

(Clerk of the U.S. Court for China.)
As told to Hal P. Mills

Peppery, never-say-die little Jimmy Deegan is the hero of my story. It was during a game in 1938, between the Shanghai Amateurs and a Marine team that Jimmy made a catch I've never seen the equal of in this city. A catch that saved the game for the home team.

Jimmy was playing in left field. It was a close game, as I recall it, and along about the seventh inning with the Amateurs leading by one measly run, the Marines managed to get two men on base with two away. Jimmy retreated to deep left when a much-feared Marine slugger went to bat.

Marine supporters were yelling for a hit and Amateur fans were worried.

The Amateur threw a fast high one and the batter swung. It was a terrific crack and the ball whistled like a bullet far to left field. With the crack of the bat Jimmy started running. He made

a wonderful, startling jumping side catch, which almost seemed impossible. What's more, he held onto the ball and retired the side.

The fans gave Jimmy a great hand.

I saw one other wonderful catch, almost the equal of Jimmy's feat, made by the veteran Jack Riley, and which probably saved the game for the Amateurs. Incidentally, in the first game referred to, the Amateurs managed to retain their lead and copped the game. I have been attending ball games here since 1933, and I am one of the many fans who greatly miss the diminutive Deegan.

(H.P.M.'s note: Mr. W. T. Collins is a ball-fellow-well-met, a keen devotee of baseball and a keen lover of clean sports. He seldom misses a ball game, or a boxing card, and he has a thorough knowledge of finer points of the great American pastime.)

BOBBY RIGG'S TRIP TO MANILA IS OFF

The proposed visit of Bobby Riggs, American tennis ace, to Manila is definitely off. The PAAF (Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation) received a letter from E. B. Moss, executive secretary of the USLTA (United States Lawn Tennis Association) last week declining the PAAF invitation of having Riggs play a series of matches in Manila.

In his letter, Mr. Moss stated that the USLTA is discouraging any suggestions for foreign competitions during the unsettled international conditions. Acting in line with this new policy, the USLTA has turned down the proposal of the Japan Lawn Tennis Association inviting Riggs to compete in the Japan national tennis meet to be held in Tokyo in September.

Dr. Regino R. Ylanan, secretary-treasurer of the PAAF, wrote the USLTA before leaving for the Japan Memorial Games inviting Riggs to play in Manila after his series of matches in Japan. The answer to this letter was the communication received from Mr. Moss yesterday.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION
Mr. Moss explained why Riggs' trip to the Orient was turned down as follows:

"Mr. Riggs will play in the USLTA national tournament at Forest Hills which will not be completed until approximately the middle of September after which I presume he will participate in the Pacific coast championships which are scheduled to be completed about October 1. Under the circumstances he would not be available for play in Tokyo next September."

"In addition the USLTA is discouraging any suggestions for foreign competitions by United States players during the present unsettled international conditions and upon this basis has declined to accept official invitations for the USLTA to forward teams to countries outside of North America."

"Sin Tao" Team Keep Their Unbeaten Record

By "Sportshawk"

CONCEDED A WALK-OVER by the Wah Kuit Club last night in their final fixture in the "A" Division of the All-Chinese Basketball League, "Sin Tao Jih Pao" finished with an unbeaten record and won the championship.

"Y" GALA FOR SATURDAY

The European Y.M.C.A. swimming section is to maintain its monthly schedule and on Saturday will hold the July gala, which will be a return encounter against Lai Tsun and Ching Wing.

The programme has been curtailed and will comprise the following events.—220 yards free-style, 100 yards back-stroke, 200 yards free-style relay, 50 yards free-style, 150 yards medley relay and 440 yards free-style.

In addition there will be a 25 yards under-water race for members and a water-polo match between the Y.M.C.A. seniors and a warship.

As the Y.M.C.A. has lost the majority of its junior and women members through the evacuation, these two departments will not be represented, although G. Saunders, a junior, will probably give a diving exhibition. It is also proposed, providing teams can be formed, to hold an inter-hong 200 yards free-style relay between the Government, Naval Volunteers, Shipping-Motoring-Aviation and Police.

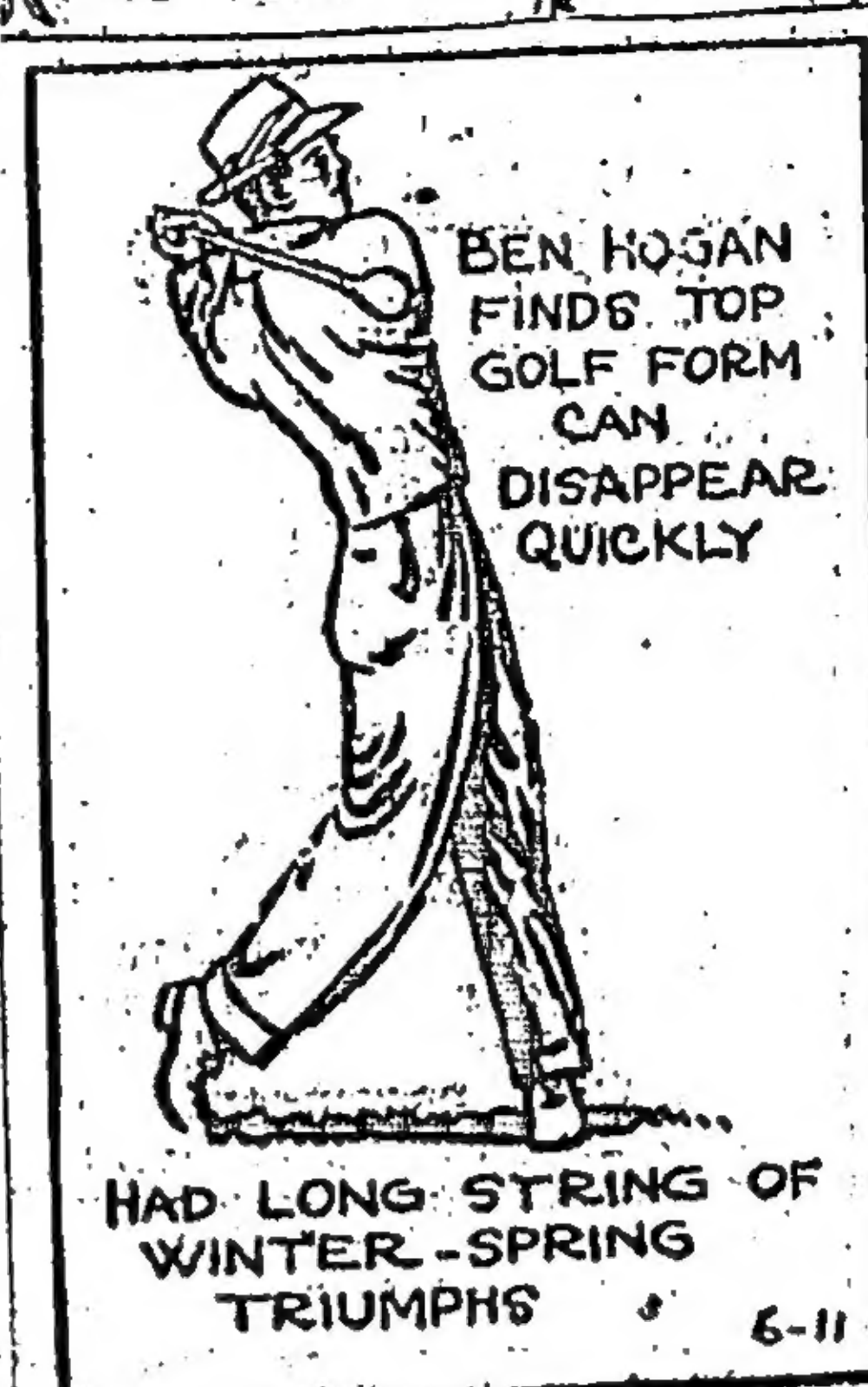
The two polo matches between Y.M.C.A. Seniors and Juniors and the 5th Anti-Aircraft Regiment, which should have been held yesterday, were cancelled.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The following is to-day's "D" Division League tennis programme:

S.C.A.A.	v	C.R.C. "A"
K.I.T.C.	v	Filipino Club
K.C.C.	v	C.B.A.
I.R.C.	v	C.C.C.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Sports Postponed

All tennis and lawn bowls matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed owing to the heavy rain.

FORM IN REVERSE

BY BEST BALL

One can get a pretty good picture of just how cockeyed form is in this game of golf by perusing Ben Hogan's record. Hogan is one of the best golfers in the game today, indeed judging by his winter and spring record, he is neck and neck with Jimmy Demaret for the lead. Hogan has been playing torrid golf for months; for instance he was top man in three tournaments during the winter circuit with a record of 34 under par for 276 holes; in the Goodall Round Robin tourney he was easily the class of the field and recorded a 5 under par score for the four rounds of the recent Metropolitan Open.

Yet in the qualifying rounds for the National Open, Hogan took a stratosphere flight for a 150 total, comprising two 18 hole rounds of 74 and 76. A self-called penalty shot added to the second score but even considering this, his sudden departure from a form that was the talk of the golfing world was startling. It should prove balm to the average player who happens to score a 90 one day and 110 the next.

Next Article:—Little's Downstroke.

CHINESE CLUBS WILL NOT EXPLAIN

The six leading Chinese sports organisations have refused to furnish the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation with explanations and reasons for their withdrawal en masse from the Federation, "the China Mail" learns to-day.

It may be recalled that last month, at the annual meeting of the Federation, South China Athletic Association, Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Y.M.C.A. (sports section), Chinese Recreation Club, Taikoo Chinese Recreation Club and the Chinese Mini-football League, resigned en masse from the Federation.

All efforts were made to induce the six clubs to reconsider their decision but without success and last week, circular letters were sent out requesting the six clubs to state their grievances and furnish the Federation with explanations and reasons for their withdrawal.

Yesterday, at a meeting of the Federation it was disclosed that the six organisations had flatly refused to comply with any of the requests.

It is understood that another meeting will be held by the Federation at 5.30 p.m. to-day for further discussions.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The following is to-day's Colony Open Pairs Championship lawn bowls programme:—

At K.F.C.

J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez v T. A. Madar and A. Bone; A. E. Castro and V. N. Atienza v A. W. Grimmitt and F. J. Jones.

At Kowloon Dock

W. L. Walker and J. Deakin v A. Hyde Lay and A. J. Hall.

At Taikoo

J. C. Gill and A. M. Holland v S. E. Eccleshall and A. Stevens.

	Goals	Fouls	No. of Fouls
Cheung Yau-sang	1	0	1
Cheng Po-let	1	2	4
Ma Shu-hwa	4	1	0
Tam Cheng-kim	11	0	2
Mo Chi-ming	1	0	0
Shao Tim-lin	7	0	0
Chang Ping-shun	0	0	0
Tong Chi-yuen	0	0	1
Total Points	25	3	53

	Goals	Fouls	No. of Fouls
Lai Shu-yeung	6	1	1
Yu Cheng-yim	4	1	2
Yung Yu-kuen	1	0	0
Poon Him-ming	4	0	0
Yung Kam-hing	0	0	1
Yip Yin-cheng	0	1	1
Chau Yim-tao	0	1	1
Total Points	15	4	34

Following is the completed League Table:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
"Sin Tao Jih Pao"	6	0	0	12
Canton University	6	4	2	8
Chintao Y.M.C.A.	6	4	2	8
Chung Shing Club	6	3	3	6
Pui Ying College	6	2	4	4
Completed Banks	6	2	4	4
Wah Kuit Club	6	0	6	0
South China A.A.	6	0	6	0

* Withdrawn from the League.

Conn Not Ripe For Louis; Must Wait Till Next Year

"GOOD LITTLE MAN CAN'T BEAT A GOOD BIG MAN"

If he was trying to prove himself a fit opponent for Joe Louis in September, William Conn was a disappointment in his second bout with Gus Lesnevich.

The result is that all thought of a Louis match for Billy Conn has been put off until next June.

Conn will box Bob Pastor, who Ray figures Conn would get away is considerably closer to his dimensions, at Yankee Stadium in late this month or early next month.

Mike Jacobs and John Roxborough, manager of Louis, watched Conn anxiously throughout his 15 rounds with Comrade Lesnevich. They kept hoping the Pittsburgh youth would pull from nowhere the punch needed to qualify him for a meeting with Louis, for a bigger and harder hitting Conn would be a magnetic attraction in taking a shot at the heavyweight championship.

But when Conn belted Lesnevich around in a blazing final round to save the Detroit show from being a total flop from an artistic standpoint, Promoter Jacobs and Roxborough were forced to agree that the handsome Celt couldn't hurt Tom Thumb with an ax.

Johnny Ray, the old lightweight who handles him, contends Conn makes slower fellows, such as Lesnevich and Henry Cooper, appear so ill equipped that he looks bad himself.

Difficult To Hit

It is difficult to hit Conn squarely, and he takes a punch well.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following League lawn bowls teams have been selected for Saturday:—

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v K.F.C., Home):—N. A. E. Mackay, H. Y. Hsu, H. Gittins and A. H. Basto (Skip); Y. H. Tang, C. J. Roe, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip); H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, W. J. Howard and A. J. Kew (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

First Division (v I.R.C., home)—T. Armstrong, H. White, D. W. Waterton and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. H. Sheriff (skip); W. L. Walker, T. E. Robson, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division (v C.C.C., away)—E. F. Pope, V. C. Dixon, F. A. Cheesman and R. Duncan (skip); L. Sykes, E. V. Searle, W. Harrower and H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, A. Bower and H. E. Drew (skip).

Third Division (v K.F.C., away)—E. Seard, S. C. Walker, H. Bicknell and K. C. Hamilton (skip); H. C. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham and L. A. Jordan (skip); G. W. Elphick, W. H. Organ, G. S. Hammond and J. S. Dinnen (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v P.O.C., Away):—A. G. Gardner, W. Stoker, W. H. B. Muskett and A. F. Paul (Skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, H. S. McKay and J. K. Sloan (Skip); R. C. Butler, R. A. Owens, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thomson (Skip).

Reserve:—R. F. Gregory.

I.R.C.

First Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., Away):—D. M. Khan, K. M. Rumi-Jahn, A. M. Rumi-Jahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Suffad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip); A. H. Rumi-Jahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (Skip).

Third Division (v C.C.C., Home):—A. S. Sumad, M. U. Razack, K. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip); M. Hassan, M. P. Madar, A. G. Suffad and A. Bakar (Skip); M. B. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumi-Jahn, V. A. Rumi-Jahn and B. M. Rumi-Jahn (Skip).

But built up, Conn weighed no more than 173½ pounds, and a good little man can't beat a good big man.

Conn can't spot Louis 30 pounds and hope to get away with anything, especially when the Negro would have nothing to fear in the way of a jolt on the jaw.

Conn is a superlative boxer, but Louis isn't a poor one, and there is every reason to suspect Irish Billy always will be a slow starter. Lack of early foot easily could be fatal in a joust with the quick-starting and fast-hitting Louis.

There is heavyweight hope for Conn, however, for he has the frame, and the Irish mature slowly.

Boxing men are still discussing Conn, good box office elsewhere,

defending the light-heavyweight leadership before little more than 6,000 persons and to receipts as low as \$17,000. The reply to that is their wondering why Mitt Monopoli Jacobs took the fight to Detroit with Conn registering from Pittsburgh and Lesnevich from New Jersey.

The show would have fared better at Briggs Stadium, but Walter O. Briggs Sr., refused to let the Tigers' infield be torn up. And, as it turned out, the battle was fought on the evening of a warm day, when few wanted to be indoors. The top price was too high—\$7.75. Detroit is a \$5 town, and the top grade figured the \$2.50 and \$3.50 seats would be too far away. So they stayed farther away than that.

It looked like Billy Conn and Gus Lesnevich were holding secret practice.

Mute testimony of the bloody, pounding battle between "Two Ton" Tony Galento and Max Baer last week was offered in the X-ray plates of Galento's left hand, which showed a fracture of the knuckle where the middle finger joins the palm.

Dr. Harold W. Smith, chief surgeon of the Jersey Orthopedic hospital, declared: "I don't see how Galento continued after the second round, if that was when the injury occurred." Eight stitches were necessary to close the cut in Tony's chin.

Baer was awarded a technical knockout victory over Galento after seven grueling rounds—and thus the ex-champion took another step forward in his campaign to regain the crown.

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HOW EVACUEES ARE LIVING IN MANILA

Exclusive Despatch From Correspondent

PAULA RICHARDS U.S.-BOUND

PAULA RICHARDS, THE ATTRACTIVE YOUNG AMERICAN DANCER AND SINGER WHO SPENT A DAY OR SO IN LAICHOK GAOL A FEW WEEKS AGO AFTER BEING LANDED HERE AS A STOWAWAY FROM MANILA, IS NOW PASSING THROUGH THE COLONY IN THE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON HER WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

As revealed in the "China Mail" at the time, she and another young American, Ed Williams, hid away on a President liner in Manila after vainly attempting to get work or a passage back to Manila.

They were handed over to the Hong Kong authorities on the ship's arrival here and sent back to Manila a few days later.

Neither she nor Ed Williams are being allowed ashore during the ship's stay in port.

TWO ITALIAN VESSELS LOST

(Special to "China Mail")

No losses occurred among the British ships which encountered the Italian naval units in the Mediterranean.

All reports on the battle—including reports from Rome—concur in the statement that two Italian vessels were lost.

These despatches were given an enthusiastic reception by the British people.

London newspaper headlines humouredly referred to it as the "Mediterranean boat race!"—Havas.

ONE-STOREY HOMES AT FORT MACKINLEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A DESPATCH FROM a "China Mail" correspondent with the naval and military "evacuees" in Manila pays high tribute to the work of the United States Army in the Philippines in making things as comfortable as possible.

For instance, while the evacuees call themselves "evacuees" and the Manila newspapers alternate between "evacuees" and "refugees," the Army people only refer to them as "visitors!" The journey was "frankly—hellish," writes the "China Mail" correspondent. Most of the women and children were sick. But, as far as possible, everything was splendidly organised—except the weather.

A cheering message was sent to them while they were still on board by Major-General A. E. Grassett, G.O.C. British Troops in China, in which he said that he realised the discomforts under which they were travelling and hoped it would not be long before they were back again with their husbands and fathers.

On landing at Manila, they were driven from the ship to Fort McKinley in the American Army cars, "covered-wagon" affairs whose huge coverings effectively held off the pouring tropical rain.

Their present temporary homes are wooden, open, one-storeyed affairs on stilts, and on arrival each evacuee was supplied with a towel, cake of soap and an enormous tin mug. They line up for meals and receive "a dab of this, a splash of that and a peach in the mug," and then pass on to the dining room.

All the children are given a bottle of milk each with every meal. Our correspondent continues:—

"The modern conveniences are alarmingly modern—someone has to stand guard at the door lest unlawful persons should stray by. They'd think they wandered into some part of Greek history where the nymphs bathe."

As, however, everyone remarks severely in the hearing of what few grumblers there are:—"Things might be a lot worse."

U.S. Army Grand

Continuing, the "China Mail" correspondent writes:—

"The U.S. Army are grand. They attend to any little thing and are so very good-natured. There are splendid grounds here, but it has rained practically incessantly ever since we arrived—the kids will have a lovely time as soon as their mothers let them out."

"There are about 80 beds in our dormitory—camp-beds with blankets and mattresses and mosquito nets. Every detail has been considered in that respect."

The evacuees are shortly to be moved to another part of the Manila district. They all hope and pray they will not be sent to Australia, as they have had quite enough of voyages under evacuation conditions.

COLONIAL OFFICE AWARDS

It is officially announced that the Imperial Service Medal has been awarded to Ramalingam Rassalla, Senior Tamil Interpreter in the F.M.S., and to Samuel Wright, Gaoler of the Straits Prison Service.—Reuter.

GIRLS ESCAPE FROM PO LEUNG KUK

Three Chinese girls, between 16 and 21 years of age, escaped from the Po Leung Kuk during last night. The fact was not discovered until 6 a.m. to-day.

PURCHASE TAX DROPPED

REUTER LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT THE PURCHASE TAX IS TO BE DROPPED. THE GOVERNMENT INTEND TO PUT FRESH PROPOSALS IN THE NEW BUDGET WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED BEFORE THE HOUSE RISES.—REUTER.

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MR. STIMSON NOW SWORN IN

Mr. Henry Stimson was sworn in yesterday as United States Secretary for War.—Reuter.

CAR ON FIRE

At about 1 a.m. to-day, car No. 1971, belonging to Mr. Leung Ming-yu, suddenly caught fire in Jackson Road. The Fire Brigade was sent to the scene and the fire was extinguished within a few minutes. Damage to the extent of \$100 was done.

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A pledge of New Zealand's determination to afford Britain all full possible support in continuing the struggle was the outcome of the second secret session of the New Zealand House of Representatives to discuss the war.

The session, which began on Tuesday, ended last night with the adoption of a resolution expressing to the Government, Parliament and People of the United Kingdom New Zealand's firm intention of devoting every effort and utilising all resources to assist the Motherland.

The resolution re-affirmed New Zealand's unalterable determination to continue the struggle along with Britain and the other members of the Commonwealth until the final victory is attained.—Reuter.

It is understood that fresh instructions have been sent to Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, regarding his conversations with Mr. Arita on the subject of the Japanese complaint that military material is being sent to China from Hong Kong and via the Burma Road, states the Diplomatic correspondent of "The Times."—Reuter.

Evidence continues to reach London of the severe hardships all German-occupied territory is suffering from, and it is thought that they continue to an appreciable extent as a result of the Nazi regime.

Raw materials accumulated over a considerable period in these territories are being systematically seized and transferred to Germany for the use of its war machine.

It is learned that a great many industries are not permitted to manufacture goods without Germany's consent.

Harvest prospects are poor throughout Europe, partly owing to the severity of last winter and partly owing to the devastation caused by the invading German forces.—Reuter.

The Shengking incident is reported to have been settled amicably. An agreement has been reached between the French and Japanese authorities, and the ammunition carried by the B. and S. ship was discharged this morning at Woosung.

The vessel is proceeding to her berth this afternoon and it is believed she will sail on her return trip to Tientsin on Saturday.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CHARGE

Ishikawa Hajime, 30, Japanese merchant, was again before Mr. R. Edwards on remand this morning, charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport, and with breach of the Defence Regulations on July 3.

Detective Sergeant Leslie told the Court that defendant arrived in the Colony from Macao on July 3, mixing with Chinese passengers when disembarked from the steamer.

A letter was found in defendant's possession, for the purpose of bringing it into Hong Kong. Defendant said that he forgot to post the letter when he left Canton.

A fine of \$250 or three months' hard labour was imposed, and also an expulsion order was made against him.

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